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JOY OF REUNION

Josef Sharoni, a worker in the Israeli aircraft industry, went to Lod Airport last week to see whether his son would be among the returning PoWs. The son, Yuval, was first off the Red Cross plane from Egypt's territory. As could be expected, it was a heartfelt reunion between father and son.

Judicial body will probe what went wrong before Yom Kippur War started

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Two judges, two former chiefs of staff and the state comptroller will comprise the inquiry commission which will examine what went wrong before the Yom Kippur War. The commission's membership was announced on Nov. 21 by Supreme Court President Shimon Agranat who appointed himself chairman of the commission. The other judge is Supreme Court member Moshe Landau.

The two former chiefs of staff are Haim Laskov and Yigael Yadin. Yadin is the famous Massada archaeologist, and Laskov is at present the army's ombudsman responsible for soldiers' complaints against their officers. The fifth member is Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl who has been state comptroller for more than a decade. The state comptroller's office is responsible for supervising good government and pointing out flaws or irregularities in national and local government departments.

Attorney General Meir Shamgar admitted to newsmen that the problem of sub judice would be extremely delicate. He said he would try to be lenient and would act against newspapers or other media only if committee members actually complained that published material was influencing their investigation, which would be in violation of the law. Shamgar said Knesset members, who enjoy immunity would not be subject to prosecution if they violated the laws of sub judice in their campaign speeches. But press reports of their speeches would be subject to prosecution, he said. The government said it would raise the blanket of secrecy only as regards the actual appointments to the committee and that it would retain the option whether or not to publish the panel's final report.

The secrecy aspects must be approved by the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee. Since the government coalition commands a majority on the committee, its approval is considered certain. Officials here stressed the investigating panel would not delve into the actual conduct of the war beyond the "containment" stage following the initial attack. They noted that the army itself was conducting a far-reaching inquiry into the tactics and strategy employed.

The panel will operate under the laws of sub judice, meaning that the public debate surrounding the war issues will have to be severely curtailed during the Knesset election campaign.

Haim Landau, of the opposition Likud, has already announced in a radio interview that his party would demand public freedom of speech on the central issue which he said was the government's failure to mobilize the reserves in time when it was apparent the enemy was about to attack.

The composition of the commission denoted that the Supreme Court president had resolved to choose widely respected public personalities who could enjoy public confidence, particularly since the inquiry is to be held in camera.

The commission will apply itself to these three broad issues:

-- Evaluation and assessment of information and intelligence reports before the war (by both military and civilian authorities);

-- The IDF's general preparedness for the war;

-- The enlistment of the reserves and their deployment.

Warm welcome extended by Katzir to UJA mission

Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM –

Israel's President Katzir personally welcomed 90 Canadians who arrived here this week on a goodwill, fact-finding tour. They were led by Murray Koffler, Toronto industrialist, and 1974 UJA-IEF campaign chairman.

Immediately upon their arrival at Lod Airport, the President's Mission was rushed by car to Jerusalem where the chief of state awaited them.

The press and other media showed keen interest in the arrival of the Canadians, meeting them at the airport and again in Jerusalem.

In a message to the people of Israel, carried by the **Jerusalem Post**, Murray Koffler declared that "we have come to Israel to express in person the grief of Canadian Jewry at the tragic losses you have suffered during the cruel war imposed on you. We mourn with you -- just as we would mourn the loss of a dearly beloved relative or friend."

Noting that the President's Mission from Toronto would meet with the president, the prime minister and other Israel government officials, Koffler said "we look forward also to meeting with as many people as possible to gather first-hand information on the situation here during these critical times. We wish to be able to report back to our community on how we can best continue to do our share to help in the noble task of building a strong and viable homeland for Jews everywhere."

Koffler said "a great bridge of love extends across the vast ocean and land mass which separates Canada from Israel. As Canadians, we are greatful we are living in a great and wonderful land where we can live freely as Jews and can participate unhampered in the glorious task of helping build Israel. We are Canadians but we belong also to you -- and we want you to know you can always count on us, just as we know we can always count on you."

Predict Beth Tzedec settlement

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, foresees an out-of-court settlement in suits involving the Beth Tzedec Congregation now before the courts. The congregation last January fired Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg who subsequently launched suits against it and some of its members in the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Interviewed by **The Canadian Jewish News** last weekend while he was visiting here, Rabbi Kelman said: "I've been 23 years in my present work and have been involved in several thousand changes of pulpit and most have been peaceful and harmonious. On the average, there has been one exacerbated dispute every two or three years and so far all of them have been settled out of court."

Rabbi Kelman was here to attend the bar mitzvah of a nephew and the Ontario Region meetings of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America.

Asked to comment on the Beth Tzedec controversy, he said, "the basic issue at hand is our refusal to countenance a unilateral action by either party to the dispute."

Rabbi Rosenberg did agree to terms of binding arbitration, he said, but the congregation wanted it limited to only the question of how much money the rabbi should get if he was fired for cause. He pointed out the decision to the terms binding arbitration was unanimous and made by laymen of the United Synagogue, the chancellor of the Jewish Seminary and representatives of the R.A.

However, despite a speech by Rabbi Kelman at the United Synagogue Ontario Region meeting, the group took the stand they will not accept a boycott by the Rabbinical Assembly against any synagogue and they will not brook the interference of the R.A. vis-a-vis the rights of their elected representatives to make decisions they consider to be in the best interests of their own congregations.

The Ontario Region passed a resolution recommending that the R.A. and Joint Placement Commission remove "the 'matra d'atra' condition from its resolution dated Aug. 21 with regard to the dispute . . . and that parties proceed to settle the dispute by way of binding arbitration. The questions to be submitted to arbitration are as follows: Was Rabbi Rosenberg dismissed for cause? And if he was dismissed without cause, what compensation, if any, is he entitled to?"

The resolution, first moved as a motion by Norman Shapiro, chairman of the Beth Sholom board of governors, was passed unanimously by the about 20 lay representatives at the meeting. Opposing it were Rabbis Erwin Schild, Michael Celniker and Albert Pappenheim. Abstaining was Rabbi Herbert Feder of Beth Tikvah.

In his interview, Rabbi Kelman made it clear the R.A. does not insist on binding arbitration and that it would prefer an out-of-court settlement.

"However, to avoid a public dispute, we've asked each side to waive a right — the congregation to fire the rabbi and the rabbi to go to court — and to bring the matter to binding arbitration."

Asked about the boycott charges, the Toronto native replied the R.A. never prevented anyone from going to Beth Tzedec. "It's simply a matter of 'mara d'atra' — that the rabbi shall at all times enjoy the freedom of his pulpit . . . a guest shall occupy the pulpit only on invitation by the rabbi.

"The R.A. has never prevented anyone from coming to Beth Tzedec or any other congregation . . . No one can occupy the pulpit without Rabbi Rosenberg's permission. Rabbi Marcovitz (Beth Tzedec associate rabbi) is there only with Rabbi Rosenberg's permission."

In a statement to **The CJN**, Beth Tzedec Congregation Board Chairman Al Gellman and President Dr. Fred Weinberg said the Ontario

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Take disciplinary action against embassy officer

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

The director-general of the foreign service of the department of manpower and immigration said "appropriate disciplinary action" is being taken against his third secretary in the Canadian embassy in Cairo for alleged misconduct in office.

The issue surfaced after a letter written by Pierre Brisson was published in the French language daily, **La Devoir** in which he struck out against Canadian foreign policy in the Middle East, saying "it is biased in favor of the Israeli cause" and that "Jewish capital controls the foreign policy of Canada."

M. G. Clark, director-general of the foreign service of the department of manpower and immigration, said that Brisson is being recalled to Canada to determine if the official committed acts inappropriate for a foreign officer of Canada.

"It's not fair to the individual to make a final judgment before a face to face discussion takes place to find out his side of the story," said Clark.

In a telephone interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Clark said that the young official came to the department in 1972 after leaving university.

"This is his first full-time job," said Clark, "and his record to date is fine."

In his letter, Brisson said that he was particularly upset with the "masterly" control of the distribution of information on the Middle East by the Canadian govern-

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Predict Mideast Geneva parley

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

The possibility of an Arab-Israeli peace conference — in Geneva sometimes next month -- gained momentum as Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger outlined the U.S. government's position on peace talks, the American and Soviet roles and the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. and its allies. He reiterated that the U.S. has no intention of laying down its own proposals for a Middle East settlement, though he outlined certain principles that he thought a settlement should include.

"Once the parties put their positions on the table" the U.S. "can try to close the gaps," he said. Kissinger indicated that the participants, time and place of a peace conference that might end 25 years of hot and cold war between Israel and its Arab neighbors may be disclosed shortly. He expressed hope that the conference will start during December.

He stressed, however, that there is "absolutely no firm assurance but some substantial understanding from the likely participants." The decisions on the participants and the site "remain to be determined," but they are "close to agreement," he said. The secretary of state denied reports of U.S. pressure on Israel for concessions. But he observed that a Middle East peace settlement would have to obtain elements of withdrawal, security arrangements and outside guarantees.

Renee Solursh (in white coat) and Ruth Betel (beside her) were among the women distributing special programs to a concert by the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra at Massey Hall last week. In the program was a message on behalf of beleaguered Soviet Jews. (David Groskind photo)

Orchestra concert-goers get an unusual program

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO –

On the surface it seemed like any other concert night. Crowds flocked expectantly through the entrance to Massey Hall last Thursday night, where they were to hear a performance by the world-famous Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra.

There were a few unusual touches though. First of all the presence of a group singing Russian and Hebrew folksongs to the accompaniment of a guitar. And a bevy of charming ladies distributing with disarming smiles, what appeared to be free programs to the concert.

Upon opening these "programs", more than 2,000 concert-goers read a dramatic message from the National Council of Jewish Women, Women for Soviet Jewry and the Canadian Jewish Congress, on behalf of beleaguered Soviet Jewry. The message was signed by 21 celebrated Canadian musicians and academics.

In an effort to communicate with the members of the orchestra, a small party of women led by Shirley Kumove of the National Council of Jewish Women and Genya Intrator, chairwoman of Women for Soviet Jewry, entered through the stage door and attempted to present each performer with a red rose and a letter.

The letter, worded in Russian and English acknowledged the magnificent talents and artistry of the orchestra. It expressed the hope that artists who speak a common human language would continue to promote friendship and goodwill by further cultural exchanges. It called their attention to the plight of Soviet Jewry and ended with a plea that the musicians urge their fellow citizens not to sacrifice international goodwill and respect for the Soviet Union. It concluded: "Tell them that the world is watching and saying Let the Jews Go.'

"The general reaction was hostile," Mrs. Kumove told **The Canadian Jewish News.** Mrs. Intrator, who is herself Russian-born and who was communicating with the musicians in Russian, had an exchange with one Jewish member of the orchestra which she described as "upsetting".

"The manager of the orchestra told us privately that he was sympathetic although officially he had to request us to leave," said Mrs. Kumove. "A few performers did take both the letters and flowers though," she added.

West Europe joins Arab camp

PARIS (JTA) –

Practically all Western Europe is determined to follow in the footsteps of France and Britain and improve relations with the Arab states in the hope of obtaining the oil they desperately need to keep their industries operating and their homes warm.

The once-busy highways and expressways which criss-cross continental Europe with a larger traffic density than that of most American states are now deserted. Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany have decided to ban all motor traffic one-day-per-week and a number of other countries plan to follow suit.

The Arab-imposed oil boycott has come as a demonstration of the role oil plays in modern industrial societies and of the Arab power and willingness to use it which, only a few months ago, was unimaginable. While most Europeans, including governments, are prepared to put up with a little physical discomfort, none is prepared to accept the industrial implications of the ban.

Public sympathy for Israel has been eroded over the years for both intellectual and subjective reasons. Intellectually, many Europeans, living at peace among themselves, fail to understand certain points of Israel's security policy. For many, Israel seems to display a stubbornness no longer in keeping with the current era of compromise and co-operation.

"If we could make up with the Germans, why can't the Israelis do the same with the Arabs?" is a question frequently heard.

Symbolically, Israel's best friends are members of the older generation who have known the reality of Nazism and its atrocities. The bulk of West Europeans has never known this period. Others have forgotten.

Europe has lost the will to resist the Arab boycott and many observers, moreover, doubt whether it has the means to do so.

If the governments of Western Europe have not jumped with both feet into the Arab camp, it is to a large degree due to the pro-Israeli sentiments shown by many West European parliamentarians. It is this parliamentary opposition, somewhat similar to the far more pro-Israeli stand traditionally adopted by the U.S. Congress, that has prevented West Europe from taking an even more pro-Arab stand. With the oil boycott and the general political trend now developing, a more extreme stance can be expected.

West Europe hopes in this way to lower the oil bill. Recent oil increases are expected by experts to add $15 billion to the nine Common Market countries' oil bill. This sum alone vastly exceeds all Arab investments in Europe. Thus, any possible idea of European counter-measures can be ruled out on pure economic grounds.

All that Europe hopes for is to mollify the Arab stand by backing it politically on the diplomatic field.

World News

President Ephraim Katzir signs autograph for James F. Kay of Toronto who was in Israel to attend a board of governors meeting of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot last week.

Visiting Israeli troops on the East Bank of the Suez Canal are members of the Canadian delegation. From the left are Stephen Barber, Isadore Pollack, Leo Yaffe and James Kay.

President Ephraim Katzir (left) shakes hands with Isadore Pollack of Quebec City. In the background is Stephen Barber, Weizmann Institute executive director in Canada.

Continuing emergency sparks institute to up defence pledge

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT –

The Yom Kippur War, its costs and implications, were on everyone's mind when the Weizmann Institute's board of governors met last week in Rehovot with the participation of four Canadians -- Torontonian James F. Kay and Montreal residents Prof. Leo Yaffe, Isadore Pollack of Quebec City, and Dr. Stephen Barber.

Proceedings began on an appropriately somber note, with Weizmann Institute Chancellor Meyer W. Weisgal paying tear-choked tribute to institute personnel killed or wounded in the fighting. Standing before black-bordered photographs of the fallen, Weisgal said the small institute family had suffered grievious losses in what, he hoped, would be Israel's last war.

Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, elected president of the institute after serving for one year as its acting president, declared the institute, like the rest of Israel, would have to learn to live and function efficiently under difficult conditions, thus defeating Arab attempts to make normal life impossible. The Weizmann Institute, he said, would step up its contributions to defence and industry, without sacrificing its basic commitment to the broader ranges of scientific inquiry.

Board Chairman Abraham Feinberg stressed the determination of the institute's overseas supporters to stand behind its efforts to serve Israel in a time of continuing emergency. This theme was taken up time and again by representatives of various institute groups, including its Canadian Society.

After expressing regret at the unavoidable absence of the Society's National Chairman, Murray Koffler, now working overtime as head of the UJA's Toronto endeavors, Pollack said society members would do everything possible on behalf of the Bonds and the UJA, without forgetting their very special commitment towards the Weizmann Institute.

Pollack reported on plans for a new series of Canadian Weizmann lectures (the first of which were given in May by Institute Professor David Samuel), and of efforts to foster scientific exchange between Canada and Israel.

Turning to the political sphere, he declared: "It has been a deep source of satisfaction to us that the spokesmen of the Canadian Government and of all the political parties represented in Parliament did not hesitate to speak out against Egyptian and Syrian aggression.

"People in Canada and many other countries," he went on, "may have to go through periods of shortages and inconveniences until steps are taken to free the world from the blackmail of Arab oil policies. But these steps are being taken now at a steadily accelerating pace. Scientists, technologists, people in many walks of life are making their contributions in this struggle of historic dimensions. I am hopeful that some of the most valuable insights might come from the Weizmann Institute's members, graduates and associates throughout the world."

A detailed analysis of the current military and political situation was presented to the board by General Shlomo Gazit, special assistant to the minister of defence. This situation was also discussed by Israel's President Ephraim Katzir at a dinner he gave for board members at his residence in Jerusalem.

Finally, board members had an opportunity to see the situation on the ground when, after the formal end of its meeting, 30 of them flew to the West Bank of the Suez Canal for a tour which took in the canal itself, recent battlefields, the disputed Suez-Cairo road and the divided city of Suez.

Mrs. Ayala Zacks of Toronto was one of two new members elected by the board to the Institute's executive council. Also chosen was Morris L. Levinson, who recently took over as president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

BB leader urges goods be withheld from Arabs

Gen. Arik Sharon of the Likud opposition party in Israel.

NEW YORK (JTA) –

An American Jewish leader called for withholding U.S. exports to Arab countries "for as long as the Arabs withhold their oil supplies to this nation." Arnold Forster, associate director and general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, told a news conference that "the United States has been using a carrot while forgetting that it also has a stick . . . we do have a protective weapon against Arab oil blackmail -- our exports of food, automobiles, airplanes, fuel products, tourist trade."

Forster, a panelist on the forum dealing with the energy crisis, part of the League's 60th anniversary meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, said it would be "a tragic error" if the great powers ignore the "absolute validity" of Israel's need for secure borders and try to impose against its will a political settlement that would leave Israel vulnerable to the kind of attack it suffered on Oct. 6.

The result, he declared, would be to re-create all the circumstances that produced four Mideast wars in 25 years and could produce a fifth "as quickly as the USSR can re-prepare the Arabs for it." Forster warned that the Arabs will use "every anti-Jewish propaganda tactic, political pressure and economic muscle" to cause "disruption and divisiveness in American society in order to tilt U.S. foreign policy against Israel."

At an earlier session, Seymour Graubard, ADL national chairman, said that the current Arab-Israel war "is not simply a conflict between Arabs and Jews but a battle over who will control the world."

War inquiry will not be love affair for Labor Party

By ARTHUR GARMAISE
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM –

The present government has no reason to be enamored of inquiries; none of them helped its prestige.

The Autocars inquiry disclosed serious irregularities in the running of the business as well as scores of discounts to specially-favored government officials. The Netivei Neft inquiry showed defective financial reporting procedures allowing a government company's manager to buy used oil-drilling equipment from a private company owned by himself at what seemed to be abusive profits at the expense of the public purse.

The Vered inquiry was so complex and involved so many government decisions that is was discreetly put behind closed doors.

Politically explosive as they may have been, they do not compare in potential scope to what may be expected of the inquiry to be held into the Yom Kippur War.

At first, an attempt was made to sidestep such an inquiry by saying the army's defensive posture on the day of attack had been a political decision. The explanation was that Israel had not mobilized prior to Yom Kippur in order to avoid the possibility of being accused of pre-emptive action.

The explanation held until the survivors came back on first leave and described a defensive posture and state of readiness that might be justified for Canada against the U.S. but not for Israel against mobilizing Arab countries publicly committed to her destruction.

Justice Minister Schapiro in a move to save the cabinet and party tried to have Moshe Dayan, as defence minister, shoulder the blame for the lack of readiness. The prime minister did not support this strategy, and Schapiro had to resign.

Dayan has hinted in a number of speeches that the lack of a full array of sophisticated weaponry should be placed at the door of the finance ministry, but in later speeches has abandoned this tack.

The newer Labor party strategy seems to be to allow the blame to be placed on the army's doorstep. This may not, however, fully exempt the party. If it tries to appear completely blameless, the public may reject anything the party has to say. Former Generals Bar Lev and Rabin, now prominent members of the Labor party, have apparently felt that confessing to manifest errors will be a better policy than trying to brazen down the swelling criticism and have come out publicly in favor of an inquiry.

In the process, they are dissociating themselves from the decision-making that led directly to so much loss of life.

Gen. Arik Sharon, of the Likud opposition party, through The New York Times has opened the door for a wider inquiry than just into the early days of the war. His accusations range into the very conduct of the Suez Canal war and the thrust into the West Bank of Egypt. He exempts Dayan from his criticism, leaving the general staff and cabinet vulnerable to attack for the military and political decision-making. This suits the purpose of a man who would likely be the new defence minister if the Likud were to emerge triumphant from the next elections.

If, on the other hand, the Labor coalition were to stay in power, and Dayan were to fall or be sacrificed, then either Rabin or Bar Lev become the most likely candidates for minister of defence.

It would not be consistent with their reputations of integrity and insight (or useful for their political futures) to deny that mistakes were made by their successors in the army.

The chess game is under way. The ruling party would not wholly mind if the army were to become the target for criticism. The Likud party, hoping to form the next government, is doing what is can to keep the government involved as the faulty decision-maker. Military luminaries of the Labor party find themselves conscience-bound to keep the door open to criticism, regardless of who may have to be blamed.

If the general staff is portrayed as the sole culprit, it might react by showing just how large the political decision-making role was in so-called "military decisions." There are complex opposing loyalties and interlocking dependencies that would have made the chess game fascinating to watch to dispassionate observers.

But there can be few dispassionate observers when the squares on which the game is played are white as bandages and red as blood.

Six-point peace plan

Bishops propose Middle East solution

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

The Catholic Bishops of the United States, implying permanent Israeli political and administrative control of Jerusalem in a Middle East settlement, have offered a six-point "comprehensive political solution" in "a plea to the parties concerned." Jerusalem's future was presented as the sixth point in a resolution that was "passed by a voice vote with no dissent heard" by the approximately 250 bishops attending their annual conference at the Statler Hilton Hotel here, the conference secretariat reported.

The point regarding Jerusalem said: "Given recognition of the unique status of the city of Jerusalem and its religious significance which transcends the interests of any one tradition, we believe it necessary to ensure access to the city through a form of international guarantee. Moreover, the character of the city as a religiously pluralist community, with equal protection of the religious and civil rights of all citizens must be guaranteed in the name of justice."

Besides this reference to Jerusalem, the other five points in the bishops' resolution came in this order: "Recognition of the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign state with secure boundaries"; "recognition of the rights of the Palestinian Arabs, especially the refugees" with their inclusion as "partners in any negotiations"; acceptance of their right to a state and compensation for past losses to be paid not only by Israel but also by other members of the international community responsible for the 1948 partition plan; acceptance as the basis for negotiations by all parties to the conflict of the stipulations in UN Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967; continued restraint and responsible diplomatic involvement by the Soviet Union and the United States "mutually co-ordinated with UN activities in the region"; and continued reliance on the UN diplomatically and through its peace-keeping machinery.

The absence in the resolution or in the discussion released by the secretariat of any mention of political control of the Holy City by any international body or nation and the fact that Israel is in fact administering the municipality appeared to observers that it is the bishops' intention to favor Israel's continuance of political administration.

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Allan Bronfman (left), president, State of Israel Bonds, Canada applauds as Gen. Yitzhak Rabin receives a "tree of life award" at Toronto Bonds dinner last week. Presentation of the award was made by Abraham Green. (Hershenhorn)

'Only unfinished war'

Gen. Rabin receives Bonds award

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

There is nothing more important for General Yitzhak Rabin, former Israeli chief of staff, than to receive a token of appreciation for Israel's armed forces.

Rabin said this last week while accepting a "Tree of Life" award at a Toronto Israel Bonds' tribute dinner, which honored "the courage and sacrifice (of Israel's army) in preserving its freedom and sovereignty.

"It (the award) is something I owe to the Jewish armed forces and as long as I live I will never forget it," the retired general told 500 guests at the construction and real estate divisions sponsored event.

Speaking under medium security of two plainclothes policemen among the crowd and uniformed police guarding the outside doors at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Rabin said: "The first thing any Israeli asked himself following the recent Arab-Israeli conflict is whether we could have prevented it."

For two reasons, he said, this was not possible. "The reluctance of the Arab states to reconcile the presence of an independent Jewish state" and Israel's determination for defensible borders as opposed to the Arab view that "not one inch is negotiable" are these reasons, Rabin said. "We have tried everything but we lack the partner to peace."

Of the Israeli conflicts, this most recent one is the "only unfinished war," stressed Rabin, who led his country's forces during the Six Day War and afterwards for four years was Israeli ambassador to Washington. "We have a very delicate ceasefire with a high degree of mobilization," he explained.

"Not one of us believed that on Yom Kippur there would be a war," Rabin said. "Our neighbors must know little about Judaism... Their decision to invade on Yom Kippur when everyone was either home or in synagogue actually helped the Israeli mobilization to a great extent."

Because of the war, Rabin continued, Israel has found they have but one ally–the United States–and one friend –the Jewish people. "We are ready to go alone, we must be," he said, "but now more than ever we feel the right to turn to those who care." Rabin then urged increased support, both financial and solidarity-wise, for Israel.

Reminiscing about his early years in the forces, the general said they (the forces) had given him the opportunity for fulfilment of a dream.

"I was born in Jerusalem and it happened that I fought in 1948 as a brigade commander there," he recalled. "I tried very hard to make Jerusalem a Jewish city but I only managed to break the Arab seige against the city. For 19 years I served in the army and in 1967 God, history and Jewry finally gave me the privilege and fulfilment of this dream... What Jewish boy can expect more than that?"

Hamilton Place chairman

Tracking down Marnie Paikin

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

Looking for Marnie Paikin? Try Hamilton Place. No luck? What about the governing council of the University of Toronto? Oh, not meeting today. Well, the trustees of the McMaster Medical Centre perhaps? Maybe the Ontario Federation of Symphony Orchestras? Temple Anshe Sholom board of governors? Religious school committee? Or try any of at least half-a-dozen others! Tracking Mrs. Paikin down requires a long list of committees and a great deal of patience.

The recently appointed chairman of Hamilton Place, Hamilton's widely admired new theatre auditorium, grins broadly when asked

Marnie Paikin

how this latest in a series of appointments came about. The answer is simple: as vice-chairman she was next in line when the first chairman resigned.

In blue jeans and turtleneck sweater, feet tucked under, on the comfortable sofa, Marnie hardly looks the formidable matron the long list of her memberships and appointments might suggest. Chairman here, vice-president there, past-president of this and that, member of lots of other organizations, including Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women and Deborah Sisterhood . . . How it all happened, she never really thought about, but now that she's talking about it, it's a welcome opportunity to find out for herself. "One thing about being so busy is that one hasn't the time to analyze one's drives," she says.

A Torontonian, she met and married Larry Paikin when both were still students at the University of Western Ontario. They moved to his native Hamilton in 1959 where he went into business and where, before long, Marnie found herself tucked away in a suburban home, mother of two baby boys and wondering what to do. Greatly interested in music, Larry had just been invited to join the board of directors of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and what better reason than that to join the women's committee.

After that, one thing just led to another. Her natural organizing ability, a knack for getting things done, as well as an eye for seeing what needs to be done, not to mention a boundless enthusiasm, got her involved in one committee after another. Add to that the fact that she is a tireless worker and an accomplished speaker with the ability to inspire enthusiasm in others -- and you know why things happen to Marnie and why Marnie is the kind of person who can make things happen.

She considers herself lucky to have the freedom and ability to do the many things that interest her and which she feels are worthwhile. It is obvious that she thoroughly enjoys whatever she does. Women's lib doesn't even get a mention in this conversation. Asked whether her husband doesn't object to her being involved in so many activities, she laughs.

"I asked him only the other day but he only said 'how can I object to something you thrive on?'" As for the boys now 13 and 11, far from feeling neglected, they're immensely proud of their mother.

Lawyer Israels is dead

WINNIPEG –

The officers of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada have expressed their deep grief at the passing of A.M. Israels, 69. Israels served the society as its first president for five years.

Two months ago, the society honored him at a testimonial dinner where he was acclaimed, "exemplar of the social, cultural and institutional life of our community.

"In accepting the accolades which he so richly deserved, Monte Israels was not merely honored but did honor to his community and to our society. It will truly be said of him that he served the many causes to which he was dedicated to the very last days of his 69 years," said society president Dr. I. Wolch.

Israels practiced law in Winnipeg until his death and was a leading and respected figure in the profession, serving for many years as a Bencher of the Law Society and as the first director of the Manitoba Bar Admissions Course.

In addition he served on the boards of the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and the Robert Burns Society, which he also served as honorary counsel. Besides his wife Sally, Israels is survived by two daughters, Hester Lee Kroft of Winnipeg and Renee Bogoch of Vancouver, a sister Sylvia Markle, and three brothers Doctors Max, Sidney and Lyonel, and four grandchildren.

'Once again, why us?'

By MARCIA SINGER

TORONTO –

It is a question that has been asked repeatedly by Jews throughout the world for centuries.

"Why us?"

And, it was asked once more Saturday night -- this time, in its current version.

"If Russia and America and other super powers want to test their new super weapons, why must it be on us?", demanded Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, former rabbi of Clanton Park Synagogue and currently principal of Jews' College, a school of Jewish studies at the University of London, England.

He, too, had no answer.

All the rabbi could tell the 200 guests attending an Israel Bonds dinner at the Clanton Park Synagogue was that there must be a divine purpose to the suffering faced by Israel and world Jewry. Otherwise, he said, the Jewish people can't survive.

"While we may not be able to intellectually formulate it, there must be a divine purpose, and confidence in that belief will give us the strength to carry on," he said.

Rabbi Rabinovitch illustrated his opinion with the example of Israel's latest "delivery from annihilation.

"We had everything against us -- surprised, outnumbered, under-armed -- and within two weeks, the situation was completely transformed," he said.

Also addressing the dinner, Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner of Clanton Park Synagogue said Israel needs tourists to financially aid the economy and to psychologically share its anguish. He appealed to the group to reschedule their vacations and visit the country as soon as possible.

The rabbi also stressed Israel's solitary position among the world nations.

"Eichmann said trucks for Jewish blood. Now the civilized and cultured world are saying oil for Jewish blood," he stated.

Both Rabbi Rabinovitch and Rabbi Kerzner were presented with plaques from the Toronto State of Israel Bond office for their promotion of Bonds.

Almost $100,000 in Bond donations was pledged at the dinner.

Requests pour into Bonds office for tickets to Chanukah Festival

TORONTO –

Judging by the flood of requests pouring into the Israel Bond office daily for tickets to the "Chanukah Festival for Israel" taking place on Sunday, Dec. 9, at O'Keefe Centre, it appears that even scheduling the additional performance will not fully meet the demand of Toronto Bond supporters to be present at this impressive event.

According to Donald Lipman, Toronto Bond drive general chairman, "one reason for the overwhelming response is the recent emergency crisis when members of the community came forward as Bond subscribers in unprecedented numbers, and at levels of purchase higher than at any other time.

"Another reason is the nature of the program, featuring outstanding performers from Israel, the United States and Canada, who will be joining Toronto Jewry in this heartfelt expression of solidarity with the people and state of Israel."

Two performers from Israel who will be lending their special talents to the Dec. 9 Chanukah Festival presentations are Sarah Rubine and Yaacov Dan, Israel's foremost singing stars. Rumanian-born Sarah Rubine has been acclaimed for her performances in Israel in musical comedies.

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This is no time for Israelis to engage in recriminations

This is no time for Israelis to squabble among themselves as to whether their government and the military leadership were guilty of major judgment errors in events leading up to the early days of the Yom Kippur War. If ever a united home front was needed, it is now, for the next few weeks may be crucial.

Undoubtedly there is a strong temptation for Opposition parties to exploit the war issues for their own benefit, and there is little doubt that such exploitation, given the mood of the Israelis, would benefit them in the Dec. 31 Knesset vote. What Israel needs, facing as she does the first real prospect of peace talks, is a strong government, not one weakened and exhausted.

The government's decision to hold a judicial inquiry into the war -- the military leadership is holding its own investiation -- will have the effect of muffling some of the bitter debate on the war issues. But the opposition Likud has announced that it will not permit the law of sub judice to silence their accusations. The law of sub judice is fundamentally the same as it is in Canada; matters before a judicial body cannot be discussed in public or reported in the press. Knesset members enjoy protection from possible persecution. Attorney General Meir Shamgar has let it be known that he will be lenient in enforcing the law.

Arab-Israeli peace talks are reported to be in the offing and if this be true, Israel needs national unity on the home front as never before. Her bargaining position has worsened because of the Arab oil boycott and the spectre of a Europe paralyzed by lack of oil is certain to haunt the meetings scheduled for Geneva.

Mrs. Meir is reported to be reluctant to have the talks held before the Knesset election in a month's time. She wants to face her enemies at the bargaining table with a strong government, one with a substantial mandate to govern. The war of the generals and another war, this one between rabbis over alleged lack of religious observances during the conflict, are divisive and completely unnecessary. A minority government, or one weakened by dissension, would be in no position to face the Arabs across the bargaining table.

At this stage, Israel needs to avoid an election campaign battle based almost exclusively on the conduct of the war and the nation's alleged unpreparedness for it. Surely that can wait until later.

What price is Israel prepared to pay to achieve a lasting peace? The answer to this question will determine whether there is to be peace or a condition of no-war, no-peace. The key word in all this is compromise and there is sound reason to believe Israel will not adopt an inflexible posture. No victor in war ever sought peace as ardently as does Israel for it is obvious that in the absence of peace, Israel in the long term is doomed.

Somewhere there is a key that will unlock the door leading to a settlement, and it must be found and used. How many times over recent years, ever since 1967, in fact, have we heard the words, "Israel is entitled to live behind secure and defensible borders." This is the nub of the issue, for there can be no peace worthy of the name unless this is clearly recognized when it comes to fixing boundaries and guarantees and adopting a solution for the Palestinian question.

Healthy-looking Egyptian soldiers board a waiting Red Cross plane to Cairo at the Lod Airport. The exchange of Egyptian and Israeli prisoners went off without any incident.

These prisoners of war, returned to Israel recently, were taken during the war of attrition. Pilot Avinoam Kaldess was greeted by his wife at Lod International Airport.

Hostility to Israel is growing, according to ADL survey

Fourteen of the top circulation newspapers in the United States, 28% of those surveyed, took a generally neutral posture and even refused to condemn the Arabs on moral grounds, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported last week. There is plenty of food for thought in this statistic, all of it unpalatable.

The fact that 34 of the U.S. newspapers, 68%, placed the blame for starting the war squarely at the door of the Arabs, is all to the good, but by what process of reasoning did 14 newspaper editors claim neutrality on this question? Two newspapers blamed Israel, claiming that the Arab attack was due to what they called "Israeli intransigence." They were the **Washington Star News** and the **Oakland Tribune**.

The negative attitude on the part of 14 widely-read newspapers, plus the open hostility of two others, appears to support a view held in some quarters that hostility towards Israel is growing in the United States, and presumably in other parts of the world where the Arab oil boycott is making itself felt.

We may be wrong, but we doubt whether there is in Canada a newspaper so consistently anti-Israel as the **Christian Science Monitor** in the United States. It is not one of the top 50, but it is an influential newspaper, unfortunately from our standpoint.

What it all adds up to is difficult to say. Generally speaking, North Americans are sympathetic to Israel, though extreme Left and Right wing groups are viciously opposed to the Jewish state. It is encouraging that the two dominant Black civil rights organizations, the NCAAP and the Urban League, came out in favor of Israel, and, of course, organized labor's voice was loud and clear in support of Israel.

The ADL survey turned up some interesting sidelights. The American Legion and the Polish American Congress adopted resolutions supporting Israel, but the big American civic-fraternal organizations, the Elks, Kiwanis, Rotary International, Royal Order of Moose, Odd Fellows and the Eagles, were silent. Does silence mean neutrality, no opinion, indifference? Or does it mean that these bodies are unsympathetic to Israel but would rather not proclaim that fact?

We don't know what a similar survey would reveal in Canada. Probably it would add up to pretty much the same result as the ADL found in its U.S. project, with one notable difference. With the exception of the racist Western Guard and other similar groups, Canada is singularly free of the extremists of the far Left and of the far Right who seem to flourish in many parts of the U.S. Arab propaganda, financed, it is said, by the oil-rich sheikdoms of the Persian Gulf, is a growing force in Canada and much of it comes out of Montreal.

British effort languishes

By CHARLES HYAMS

LONDON –

While everyone is full of praise and admiration for the way British Jewry responded to the war in Israel -- not only in terms of money but with offers of help -- there are ominous signs here that enthusiasm is waning now fighting has stopped.

On the financial front, record amounts were pledged but "pledges" is the operative word. While a considerable proportion has been translated into cash, there is still a tremendous amount that remains merely a promise. And now the emergency is over -- at least in terms of actual fighting -- the Joint Israel Appeal realizes it is going to be an uphill struggle to bring in the rest.

That, perhaps, is understandable. But what I find hard to accept is the attitude of youth. Within hours of war, thousands of them were rushing to contact the authorities, pleading with them to be allowed to go to Israel to work in whatever capacity they might be needed. Some 5,000 names were taken and hundreds of them are in fact now in Israel, having paid their own fares and having undertaken to stay for a minimum of five months.

Now, for the first time, Israel is actually asking for more volunteers who are needed particularly to help with the citrus harvest. When the Jewish Agency office in London began contacting those who were so eager to put their names down a few weeks ago, they were disillusioned to find enthusiasm had been dissipated merely because a ceasefire was in operation. It seems they do not fully understand the situation. Israel remains almost fully mobilized and the economy is in danger of remaining at a standstill unless there are volunteers to do the jobs of the men still stationed on the front.

It is clear that a special effort is needed to retain spontaneous enthusiasm and to prevent it from draining away as it did six years ago. It would appear there are far too many people willing to identify themselves fully with the Jewish state only when it is in mortal danger.

Marked similarities between Hebrew and Arabic form strong language bond

By LARRY GELLER

Once more the world reads and repeats the manifold fears and enmities that divide Arab and Israeli. Everywhere are accounts of the differences between Muslim and Jew, everybody knows the points of contention between the principal belligerents. But lost in the dust of battle and argument are the points of union -- the many real bonds, similarities and mutualities that serve to unite Arabs and Israelis, that bind the two brother races even more than mere physical contiguity.

Of the many bonds that spring to mind, language is one that might occur to some, but in an unspecific way. We have heard it oft repeated that Hebrew, the language of Israel, and Arabic, the language of the Arab states, are both Semitic languages. Beyond this, the odd person may be able to illustrate the generalization with "Peace Be With You" in the two languages "Salaam Aleikum" in Arabic and "Shalom Aleikhem" in Hebrew. Additional information about the extent of the nearness of Hebrew and Arabic is locked in dusty books and learned scholars.

In a day when everyone is dwelling on the divisive and factional aspects of the Middle East, it is corrective, and hopefully, palliative, to assess one grand link the warring nations have -- their language.

To say that both Hebrew and Arabic belong to the Semitic language family is not really saying much. Both English and Sanskrit are members of the Indo-European language family, but this does not mean that they are either close now or have been close in the last 3,000 years. In the dim pre-historic past, English and Sanskrit sprung from a common ancestor language. Who the peoples speaking these languages were, or what their relationship was, is one of pre-history's unsolved mysteries.

The opposite is true of Arab and Jew. They have lived almost side by side throughout most of their long histories. When in a key age they decided to cooperate they produced a Golden Age such as that of 900 - 1200 that is still celebrated in both traditions.

Both in the accidental frills of language and in their deep skeleton structures, Hebrew and Arabic are closely related as languages go. In grammar, verbs follow similar patterns of change through aspects. Both languages conjugate their verbs in analogous ways, and most structure patterns have a mirror opposite in each other.

The real wonder arises when we turn to the verbal wealth of the two tongues. We can immediately see that an enormous percentage of each tongue's vocabulary arose from common roots. Many of the word cousins are unapparent to the eyes of all but experts. Time changes and processes vowels and consonants so drastically that often only a historical linguist can detect identities between words that have grown apart. But in spite of this, there are still a very large number of words that offer testimony even to the layman of the common soil of Hebrew and Arabic.

The most prized metals - "gold", is a basic term in most languages. In Hebrew it is "zahav" and in Arabic "tzahab". Flocks of examples arise such as "pair" - Hebrew "zug" and Arabic - "zoug". Saturday is "sabt" in Arabic and "shabat" in Hebrew. If you say that peace between Arab and Israeli is a mere "dream", the Arab will say dream as "haulm", and the Israeli as "halom".

But random words do not suffice to render the massive patterned fraternity. All aspects of life, are represented in sets of nearly twinned words.

Among the oldest words in any language are the words for animals. Here as elsewhere the record is at once rich and striking and even the word animal (hayah, hayawan) shows the strong bond. Ant (nemala, namla) no less than tiger (namer, nimr) shows that the animal kingdom from least to great echoes the previous evidence. The commonest animals are included here: dog (kelev, kalb), donkey (khamor, himar), eagle (nesher, nisr), ox (shor, tsor), camel (gamal, gamal), calf (egel, igl) and bear (dov, doub). Even the lowly pig, that both Moslem and Jew scorn to eat, bears a similar name in both Hebrew - khazir, and Arabic - khanzir.

The words basic to nature and its phenomena tell the same tale. Night is "layla" in both tongues; day (yom, youm), fire (nur, nar), hail ("barad" in both), lightning (barak, barq), river (nahar, nahr). Death is "mavet" in Hebrew and "mawt" in Arabic.

To hope that similarities of language alone will lead to peace is of course vain. But we must stress that the brotherhood of language can help teach us the underlying brotherhood of man.

Letters to the Editor

Writers called hypocritical, self-righteous individuals

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on publishing the letter from Mr. Ben Burston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Applefield, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dubros, and 38 other signatories. If **The Canadian Jewish News** had not made the attitude of these individuals known through its media, our community would not now be aware of their existence.

However, one questions the right of these self-righteous, smug, hypocritical individuals sitting here in Canada on their complacent, well-fed, comfortable posteriors to dictate, "Principles for Peace in the Middle East."

Have they or their loved ones participated in this last war or fallen victim either through death, wounds or being taken prisoner and tortured by the enemy Arab forces? Was one of their sons among the many Israeli soldiers who were captured and then murdered, shot to death, by their Arab captors, contrary to the Geneva Convention? Are these same individuals freezing in the trenches of the Golan or sweltering, dry and parched, in the blazing sun of the Sinai?

Have these people tried to reason with a terrorist shell that just killed one of their fellow kibbutznicks as he was leaping for safety in one of the dug-outs? Have they ever witnessed the sight of the bodies of helpless, innocent, young children; bodies that were shattered to pieces by a terrorist mine placed on the road that their bus used to take them to and from school? Have they experienced the undescribable pain and sorrow of bereaved parents whose boys and girls were snuffed out in the flower of their life?

Do they know what it is like to raise children who while fighting for the life of their nation and their brethren abroad, are ignored by a so-called moral and ethical world, while they are bleeding to death on the battlefield? Who then are these individuals to dictate to Israel her moral and ethical obligations to world opinion?

Celia Airst,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

If the statements attributed to Mr. Pape (CJN Nov. 9) were correctly reported, I can only conclude that it is a shame and disgrace that he be appointed director of the Canadian Council of Liberal Congregations. To compare Orthodox Jews to the followers of Hare Krishna and Zen Buddhism is something that I would attribute to one who is totally insensitive to Jewish tradition and values.

It is incredulous, in today's society, with assimilation and intermarriage on the increase, that one who is appointed director would mourn the fact that some of his youth are becoming more committed to Judaism!

David Woolf,
Willowdale

Dear Editor:

The Jewish community of Toronto should make its appreciation felt for the courage and expression of universal morality in the stand of the Dutch government against the Arab oil boycott. Alone among northern European nations, the Dutch have said "no!" to Arab blackmail. They understand that the same logic used to justify the risking of lives in attempts to abort skyjacking applies to Arab pressure for gaining support in their war against Israel.

To give in on this issue, to use oil as a political weapon, and to be successful, will not only defeat Israel but also will open the door to Arab blackmail on other issues using oil as a weapon.

We must support the Dutch in every way possible; by writing the Dutch government of our appreciation for their courage; by asking the Canadian government to do whatever can be done to alleviate the hardship of the Dutch people as a governmental expression of respect for the exercise of political morality.

Recent history has allowed of few instances of national selflessness. We hear it preached by both Jews and Gentiles; we rarely see it practiced. To let the actions of the Dutch government go unnoticed would be to further the moral erosion of the world.

James H. Slater,
Toronto

ask the rabbi

Law unclear on Christian art objects

1. Is it permissible to display ikons and other works of art with a Christian theme or content in a Jewish home?

According to the rules given by R. Moses Isserles in the Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 141: 1 and Shakh subparagraph 6) it is forbidden to have any use or benefit from a cross or ikon that has been worshipped, i.e. by bowing to it.

But a cross made for purely decorative purposes, the example given is of a cross worn around the neck, is not forbidden. On the basis of this, some authorities permit the selling of crosses to Christians.

The famous authority R. Joseph Saul Nathanson (1810–1875), Rabbi of Lemberg, in his Responsa collection Shoel U–Meshiv (Vol. 1, Part 3, No. 71) reports that in the year 1852 the emperor visited Lemberg and presented medals to various distinguished citizens, among them a Jew.

The medals had a cross on them, but Rabbi Nathanson advances the above reason, though he is not too sure about it, for permitting the Jew to wear the medal. It was not intended as an object to be worshipped but purely as a token of the ruler's favor.

Thus, there is no actual law to forbid the keeping in the house of art objects with a Christian theme or content (or, for that matter, with a Hindu or Buddhist theme or content) unless the object had been worshipped. It follows that ikons and the like that have been worshipped at one time are forbidden. But the prohibition does not apply to paintings and so forth with Christian themes since these were not produced to be objects of worship but simply as art forms.

Nonetheless, it is certainly unusual, to say the least, to have such representations displayed prominently in a Jewish home. It is obviously tactless and more than a little lacking in religious taste.

Uncle Eliezer says

Time to return to Bathurst St.

By J.B. SALSBERG

I have seen uncle Eliezer more than once since Yom Kippur. We exchanged the usual greetings and he asked what everyone else has asked of me since that fateful day: "What's the latest from Israel?" as if I had a special wire from Premier Golda Meir.

But when he telephoned the other day to say that he wanted to see me I understood, of course, that there was something special on his mind. I wasn't wrong.

He arrived without loss of time and for more than two hours we talked, argued and, of course, drank countless cups of tea and lemon. We agreed and we disagreed, but mainly we agreed.

We agreed, for instance, that when Israel's enemies seem to gain advantages the UN Security Council behaves as if it suffered of paralysis. But when the enemies of Israel begin to suffer defeats the Security Council leaps to its feet full of venomous hostility.

We also agreed that in the face of economic blackmail, many leaders of "great countries" revealed themselves as men who were totally devoid of moral scruples. Uncle Eliezer even went so far as to suggest that the ghost of Neville Chamberlain (who sought to appease Hitler by sacrificing Czechoslovakia) is clearly discernible in a number of European chancelleries.

But it soon became clear that uncle Eliezer's chief purpose was not to discuss international affairs but to show his concern with matters closer to home, with Bathurst St., which is his synonym for our Jewish community in Toronto. More specifically he felt called upon to admonish me for neglecting Bathurst St. for so many weeks and to advise me that it was time to pay some attention to our own backyard -- Bathurst St. and its environs.

I explained my neglect of home ground by confessing that I was too emotionally involved in the day-to-day events in Israel to be moved by very much else. This was obviously also noted by many readers who began to ask why uncle Eliezer disappeared from this column for almost two months. Some readers even enquired whether he was in good health. This bit of information pleased my uncle very much. With a twinkle in his eye, he asked that I inform all his admirers that he is in excellent health.

As for Bathurst St. I told my uncle that in my opinion our Jewish community, as well as those in other parts of Canada and throughout North America, rose to unparalleled heights of dedication and responsibility during Israel's peril. He agreed but argued that we still have too many shirkers of responsibility, too many tight-fisted characters and too many creatures who crawled into the woodwork when their help was sought.

"But in this instance they were surely a small minority in our midst," I suggested. But uncle Eliezer was visibly agitated and not inclined to let matters rest. "The national danger was and still is so great," he shot back, "that the crime of the slackers also becomes greater than ever. Yes," he emphasized with emotional tones, "those who can but fail to help Israel in its present struggle for survival are committing a colossal crime and should be publicly exposed."

He ceased his emotional bombardment of the unnamed slackers and deserters, lit a cigarette and began sipping some tea. I remained anticipatingly silent. I suspected that my uncle was about to reveal the full purpose of his visit. I didn't have long to wait.

Uncle Eliezer looked at me in silence, his lips and eyes smiled confidently like those of a chess master who is about to checkmate his opponent. He leaned towards me and said: "You should expose all those damnable characters."

I recoiled from the unpleasant task that he assigned to me. "Why me?" I pleaded. "Why not you?" he asked still smiling, "do you know anyone else that will do it?" "I'm in trouble enough already with too many people," I said. My uncle smiled even more broadly and just said: "So what!"

As he left I said resignedly to my uncle: "Well, uncle Eliezer we seem to be back at the old stand, aren't we?" We both knew that I made the transition. I'm back in Bathurst St.

On second thought, I am really not leaving embattled Israel, for aren't all our Bathurst Streets throughout the world Israel's second line of defence?

Feinberg recalls Eisendrath

By RABBI ABRAHAM L. FEINBERG

SAN FRANCISCO -

In October of 1943 I received a phone call from Maurice Eisendrath, since 1929 the famed spiritual leader of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple.

Rabbi Feinberg

"Abe, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations ("umbrella" body of world Reform Judaism) has offered me the job of executive director. But I won't move until I know the right man will take my place. How about you coming here from Denver.?"

Maurice's dynamism had made his pulpit one of the most influential on the continent. Holy Blossom was Canada's leading synagogue and Maurice a close friend of college days. I accepted and soon began 18 active years as his successor, while Maurice launched upon a courageous, creative and inexorably unfaltering career, unique in American Jewish history.

He galvanized a somnolent congeries of Reform temples into an aggressive (and progressive) instrument of Jewish faith that has won the respectful attention of all religion-oriented America, and thus made it an instrument of his own social idealism.

For him, Judaism must justify continued survival by unyielding endeavor to establish social justice, to end racism, war such as American military intervention in Vietnam, and the flagrant inequities of free enterprise. That passion, his heritage from the biblical Hebrew prophets, lay at the core of Eisendrath's charisma. His Judaism involved politics!

He was a paradox. Superbly eloquent, he could capture and energize massive gatherings for 90 minutes without a note - yet his organization skill was a masterpiece to behold . . . He aroused the implacable hostility of powerful troglodytes by a forthright radicalism militant to the end. He did not truckle, tremble or turn "mellow" (a frequent euphemism for moral corrosion), as shown by his last, but undelivered, Union presidential address castigating the Jewish community for its support of Nixon. Yet he lured many of the rich to his banner. (In fact, during the Depression he "built" a Holy Blossom sanctuary so majestically beautiful and awesome that the $1.5 million educational structure put up during my regime is merely a prosaic addendum).

At Hebrew Union College, our seminary in Cincinnati, 50 years ago, he was shy, profoundly sensitive, almost three years my junior, a youth of German-American, non-Yiddish, modest but not poor background, whereas most of us were really impoverished Litvaks, Pollaks or Galizianers by birth or ancestry -- yet he rose far beyond our imagining into a world-wide champion of the Jewish folk in America, Israel, everywhere.

Maurice Eisendrath drove himself relentlessly under enormous, enthusiastically-embraced pressures. Even the lion-hearted, however, grow tired -- and the bravest heart is finally stilled. His passing is an irreplaceable loss to the Jewish people and to all who love peace and freedom.

Rabbi Feinberg is rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple and rabbi-in-residence Glide Memorial, San Francisco.

'Nothing sadder than seeing youth searching out the perfect mate'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

"And Jacob went out from Beersheba and went to Haran. . ."

King Solomon said there is nothing new under the sun, and apparently even "jet" travel is not new . . . What do I mean? Our rabbis tell us that when our forefather Jacob left his parents in Beersheba in order to find a wife in his uncle Laban's home which was hundreds of miles away, he made the trip with kefitzat haderech, super speed. Not only that, but when Eliezer, Abraham's servant, went looking for a wife for Isaac, he also made the long trip in a few hours.

Why did the Almighty perform such a miracle? It was a sign for future generations. When it comes to getting married, there should be no wasting of time. There is nothing sadder than seeing young Jewish men and women, in the prime of life, feverishly running around looking for the perfect mate who will cause the "bells to ring." Many young people forget that ringing bells also start a prizefight.

The Torah teaches that when a Jewish man or woman start off like Jacob or Eliezer looking not only for a beautiful panim, facial, superficial, physical beauty, but a beautiful p'nimiut, inner spiritual beauty as well, G-d makes the search, quick, sure and blessed . . . and the marriage lasting. (Adapted from **Bikurei Aviv**).

On the way to Haran, Jacob lay down to rest and dreamed of a ladder whose feet touched the ground and whose top reached the heavens. Holy angels ascended and descended. What did the ladder symbolize? Those of you who read Chaim Potok's **The Chosen** remember the Hebrew system called gematria, by which different Hebrew words are connected by their numerical value. (In Hebrew, every letter also has a numerical value, alef is one, beis is two, etc.) In Hebrew, the word ladder is sulam, which has the sane numerical value as the Hebrew word mamon, money. (They both equal the number 136.)

Money itself is a very earthbound, material thing. By itself, it is not especially holy. But it can reach to the highest heavens. If a person takes part of his material wealth and donates it to help Israel, or a Yeshiva day school, or a synagogue or hospital, then it becomes spiritual and sublime.

No one in this world owns money except G-d. We are all money managers. To some of us the Almighty gives a little wealth to manage, to some a great deal. When a person proves himself a wise manager by dispensing of his money to those in need, then G-d gives him even more wealth to look after. May G-d grant that we all be wise "managers". Shabbat Shalom.

War — television's fairy godmother

By ARTHUR GARMAISE
CJN Israel Correspondent

In the fairy tale world of confidence and prosperity that characterized Israel between the Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars, when contractors, hotel proprietors and restaurant owners, among others, munched on creamy profits coated with tax sweeteners, there was still one undernourished Cinderella: Israeli TV.

Pretty as a picture tube, she was confined by her treasury stepmother to the economic basement while her older mercantile sisters were pampered. Old bargain hand-me-down series from French, Spanish and American TV barely covered her programmatic nakedness.

Starved for imagination and know-how as well as suffering from a strict budget diet, her locally-produced programs were often comic when intended to be serious, and repulsive when intended to be comic. No one, including her own programing executives, seemed to be paying her much attention. Theatre income, down 30% after TV was introduced in 1968, was recovering.

Then came the fairy godmother of wartime emergency. Public hunger for news of the fronts replaced all other appetites. Radio had the immediacy, but was limited. Newspapers had fuller accounts, but were doomed to be after the fact. TV became "The Medium."

Her bored and underpaid photographers, her indifferent sound technicians were transformed by the magic wand of knowing they were needed and momentarily irreplaceable; the country craved the smack and grit of reality that only they could convey. They turned into superb and faithful war correspondents, shunning all dangers to catch the full crunch and feel of the war.

Sand from exploding shells sprayed over lenses; close-ups of men in foxholes breathing heavily in mortal fear brought it home as few wars can have been brought home before. In a grimy and stinking reality, this has been Israel TV's hour of glory.

And the ball is still going strong. The tube is pouring out sure-fire winners like **Gigi** and **Mad, Mad World** for the adults; **Hans Christian Andersen** for the children. Those series that were popular, such as **The Saint** and **Mission Impossible** are being revived and uncast episodes being shown. These are topped by news and discussion programs, and a seemingly endless procession of singers, musicians, rock groups, symphony orchestras -- anything, it seems, to keep people from thinking, or feeling, their own thoughts.

So intense is the unusual dosage of entertaining programs that its early end is predictable. At the stroke of 12 midnight Cinderella will flee down the steps leaving only an empty slipper as a memory.

This last hour of the ball is regrettable on two counts: first, that we should have been forced to experience the current sense of dislocation and floating sadness that makes such frantic escapism necessary, -- and secondly that Cinderella's gown, so attractive now, will soon revert to those old programmatic rags and her handsome coachmen to little grey mice.

Israeli Arabs caused no trouble, helped during Yom Kippur War

By MOSHE RON
CJN Jerusalem Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

During the war, the Arabs in Israel were quiet and caused no trouble. Some of them volunteered for jobs to help the Israeli war effort, and many of them gave money to the Voluntary War Loan.

The Arabs of the village of Biram, near the Lebanese border, who 25 years ago were evacuated for security reasons by the Israeli forces and were resettled in Gush Halav, are still waging a legal fight in order to return to their village. The leader of the Greek-Catholic Church in Israel, Archbishop Josef Raya, who leads their struggle, appealed to the villagers after the outbreak of hostilities and asked them to help the Israeli war effort. Many of them volunteered as drivers to transport vital products, or to work in factories or to repair the damage in Israeli settlements hit by Syrian and Palestinian terrorists.

The leader of the Druze community, Sheikh Amin Tarif and the Moslem Kadi of Jaffa, Tufik Aslaya, have each given a month's salary to the Israeli Voluntary Loan. Arab Knesset Members Abdel Aziz Zaoubi, Jaber Mouadi and Isaf Eldin Zouabi did the same.

Thirty thousand Bedouins, who are living in Israel, voiced their readiness to serve in the Israeli army and work for the war effort. When war broke out, Bedouin Sheikh Soleiman declared the Bedouins could not sit by quietly while Israel is fighting and shedding its blood. The Bedouins gave $50,000 to the Voluntary War Loan. They also volunteered for agricultural work.

The reserve soldiers of the Druze community formed a special unit to guard the border between Lebanon and Israel against Palestinian terrorist attacks. They organized patrols along the border and prevented terrorist infiltration.

Israeli Arabs did not take part in any anti-Israel propaganda during the war. The Arabs in the occupied territories were divided. In Gaza some of them welcomed the Egyptian attack and even waited for Egyptian soldiers to arrive.

Psychologists work overtime

Aid is given the bereaved

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT, Israel -

"Gosh, I'd like to see my music teacher again if, that is, he is still alive." This comment by my nine-year-old daughter about a teacher called up at the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War was made without a trace of self-consciousness, for Israeli youngsters have learned in recent weeks to accept the facts of life -- and death.

This is not to say that local children were without anxieties, particularly if their fathers were at the front. Indeed, Israeli psychologists were working overtime to help them, and their mothers, deal with the stresses of the situation.

"One of the most common problems we encountered," a psychologist explained to me, "was the tendency of some mothers to let themselves go -- to stop their normal cooking and baking, their regular visits to the beauty parlor and to friends. This departure from routine not only increased their own anxieties, but also those of their children. Youngsters who didn't get their meals on time and found their house in a mess responded by abandoning their own patterns of self-discipline. Finally, the mother and her children were apt to tear each other apart.

"Of course," the psychologist added with understanding, "our good advice didn't always help. The fears mothers felt were genuine and not every woman was equally capable of dealing with them."

Only now are psychologists beginning to come to grips with the even more serious problems of bereaved families, of which there are some 1,900 after 18 days of fighting. The figure -- which in ratio to Israel's population is double the number of Americans killed during the entire 12 years in which U.S. forces participated in the Vietnam War -- means that, in a very real sense, the entire country is bereaved.

Even though official casualty lists have yet to be published, the bad news spread quickly, by this time, it would be hard to find a single Israeli who has not been hit, personally and painfully. If it wasn't his father, his brother or his cousin who fell, then it was his next-door neighbor, his corner grocer or his family doctor. The fact that Israel's army is largely composed of reservists means that in time of war everybody serves and everybody gets in the way of rockets and shells.

Funeral services held last week at seven temporary military cemeteries were attended by tens of thousands of people. And even those who preferred to remain at home found themselves enveloped in a national pall of mourning.

It is this very universality which should ease adjustment for families of the fallen. In the words of a widow whose husband was killed on the Golan Heights: "I have no special problems. I am just one of many. Israel is full of widows, orphans and bereaved parents. The pain is something we must all bear."

Tough-minded businessman goes soft when he talks about his prize-winning cow

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO -

Friends and acquaintances of Reuben Dennis are not likely to describe him as a sentimental man, which goes to show that people aren't always what they appear to be.

The millionaire Toronto builder and hotel owner is a tough-minded businessman, true enough, but he goes all soft and misty-eyed when he talks about his world-famous Holstein cattle. Particularly one old girl named Bridge Lea Reflection Idena. After all, she was once grand champion cow at the Royal Winter Fair.

"She became famous wherever she went," Dennis recalls. "We used to call her the queen of the herd. She was an old girl when she died and we took care of her because she'd been good to us. When I talked to her and told her what a wonderful cow she was, she understood me. When she died, George (George Darrach, his farm manager), buried her on the farm. I tell you, we cried when she died."

Dennis, the only Jewish Holstein cattle breeder in Canada, owes a lot to Bridge Lea Reflection Idena. In 1960, she founded his head of what he calls "the finest cattle in the world."

"When I first started, with a lot of people I felt like I was poison to them, like I had leprosy," Dennis says, leaning over the desk in his trophy lined office on the 1,000 acre white-fenced Oak Ridges farm just north of Richmond Hill. "Because they used to hear terrible things about Jewish people -- I don't know.

"Now I think they all think Reub Dennis is a hell of a nice white guy. Now they know a Jew doesn't have leprosy. I don't care where I go, I'm always welcome because I can do business with them and they want to do business with me. I treat them right."

As for his friends at the Primrose Club, well, according to Dennis, Joe Tanenbaum once said, "Dennis is crazy paying so much for an animal, for milk. He's meshuggah."

Dennis, whose cattle sell for $10,000 to $70,000 a head all over the world, doesn't agree.

"I look upon my Holsteins like E.P. Taylor looks upon his horses," he says, with a slight New York accent picked up during a stint in the construction industry there in the late '20s. "I'm a breeder -- I want to have queens and princes, the best in the world -- which we have.

"I love animals, like a man says 'I love golfing' and so he's prepared to pay anything. We're making money now by putting the money I made back into the farm, but if I had to depend on this for a living, I couldn't stay in it."

His first two attempts at farming failed. As he recently told a young medical student, who wanted to quit school and become a farmer, "If you've got a lot of money and don't know where to put it, send it to Israel. They need it and what's more, the Almighty will bless you for it."

Reuben Dennis, the only Jewish Holstein cattle breeder in Canada. (David Groskind)

Dennis didn't really relax until farm manager Darrach, who after 15 years still calls him "Mr. Dennis," came into the office.

Dennis said the farm began in 1956 "with 60 head of commercial cattle and they were terrible. George Darrach built it up. Let's face it, George, I knew nothing.

"To have famous cows, you have to put a lot of money in it and not every cow becomes famous. You spend a lot of money and sometimes it clicks. We were very fortunate.

"Now, everyone in the world comes to an Oak Ridges sale. Take a look at these winnings -- you don't just get these for nothing. We haven't got room for more trophies.

"When we opened Sutton Place, I knew nothing about a hotel, but look at it today -- it's the best hotel in the city of Toronto. You can't get into Sutton Place -- maybe we were lucky.

"If you love your work, you'll make a success of it. If you're doing it because you have to feed your mouth, you'll get by all right, but you really gotta love it to get up those extra steps on the ladder."

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

INFORMATION SERVICE

A Jewish Information Service has been set up in Toronto under the auspices of the United Jewish Welfare Fund. It is headed up by social worker Estelle Eisenberg with a volunteer staff manning the phones five days a week, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For anything you want to know -- services, activities or just where you can fit in -- just call 789-7279. By the way, volunteers are needed too.

CHANUKAH GIFT SHOP

Early in December the Jewish Family and Child Service, in conjunction with Young Women's Leadership, will again operate a free Chanukah gift shop. As in the past, the success of this project relies on the generosity of the community -- that is financial contributions, gifts of new clothing, toys, books, sports equipment, gift certificates and any other items suitable for infants up to teenagers. For information or contributions call Felicia Carmelly at JF&CS, 362-5201, or Sandra Brown, 783-0136.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

The Labor Zionist Alliance features two Jewish book events on Sunday, Dec. 2. At 9:30 a.m. Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, director of education, Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region, speaks on **The Importance of Jewish Literature** at the breakfast meeting of the Herzl-Peretz Branch 26. At 8:30 p.m. there will be a lecture on **Israel -- Land of the Book** by Joshua Altman. Both lectures take place at the LZA centre, Viewmount Ave.

T'Nach Study Group of the Canadian Jewish Congress presents a lecture, **The Conquest of Israel by Moses and Joshua -- Its Historical and Moral Aspects**, by Rabbi Zvi Yehuda, professor of Bible and rabbinics, Cleveland, Ohio. The lecture is on Monday, Dec. 3, at 8:15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, Bathurst St.

JUDAISM AND THE SPACE AGE

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet, spiritual leader of Congregation Anshei Kielce and philosophy professor at Humber College, will be speaking on **The Space Age and the Future of Judaism**. The lecture is sponsored by the adult education committee of the Mildred Arnoff School and will be held at 8 p.m. in the Gerald Schwartz Auditorium of Beth Sholom Synagogue, Eglinton Ave. W.

SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS

The Board of Jewish Education in Toronto is planning several seminars for teachers in Jewish schools. On Sunday, Dec. 2, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda, Cleveland, Ohio, will be conducting a session on how to teach Chanukah on different classroom levels. The following week, in conjunction with Keren Hatarbut, two sessions will be conducted by Professor Livia Briton of Brooklyn College, New York. On Sunday, Dec. 9, she will discuss how to improve attentiveness and create motivation in the teaching of Hebrew as a second language. On Monday, Dec. 10, she will speak on biblical women as they are reflected in world literature. All lectures take place at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue, Yeomans Road, Downsview, at 8:30 p.m.

ORT MINI-BAZAAR

The mini-bazaar held by Toronto Women's ORT Sunday, Dec. 2, at the St. Lawrence Market, is specializing in "gently used clothing." Along with the all-season wear will be sports equipment, old and new books and records. The bazaar, with admission free, runs from noon to 10 p.m.

LABOR ZIONIST MEETING

A public meeting on the subject of **War and Peace in the Middle East** with guest speaker Itzhak Korn, general secretary of the World Labor Zionist Movement, is set for Monday, Dec. 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the Labor Zionist auditorium, Viewmount Ave. The meeting is sponsored by the Labor Zionist Movement.

DISCUSSION AND DANCE

The Professional Club and the Young Business People's Club are having a joint get-together Sunday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 p.m. at the Labor Zionist auditorium, Viewmount Ave. A discussion by Sam Sussman, social worker at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital, on **Identity and a Healthy Personality** will be followed by a dance.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE

The Shalom Study Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women presents Walt Disney's **Pinocchio** on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, Finch Ave. East.

Flamboyant pacifist beams peace message to Arabs, Israelis from floating station

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

TORONTO -

Abie Nathan, Israel's flamboyant pacifist and humanitarian, who is known for such unorthodox deeds as flying private peace missions to Cairo, has now given flight to his voice, "**The Voice of Peace**, broadcasting at 1540 on your dial" in Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

For the past six months, Abie's floating radio station has been urging Arabs and Israelis to come to their senses and delighting them with what may well be the most popular radio station in the Middle East.

"We get about 200 letters a week from all over," claimed John Thompson, a 23-year-old Torontonian and a disc jockey aboard Abie's ship.

"Most people thank us for being there and say they hope we can move them closer to peace. It's like no other station in the world," said Thompson while in Toronto recently.

The Voice of Peace is on the air 14 hours daily in four languages, broadcasting political dialogues, a wide selection of popular music, and whatever else Abie Nathan's fertile imagination conceives.

"People stay up until 2 a.m. to listen to Abie tell them to go to sleep. He whispers 'good night' into the microphone," said Thompson, who modestly admits being somewhat of a star himself.

Although the eruption of war of Yom Kippur clouded the optimism of Abie and his crew, the Peace Ship reacted by going on a 24-hour schedule and beamed anti-war songs to transistor toting troops at the front.

"After the present situation, we can be one of the major contributors to an understanding between the Arabs and Israelis," claimed Thompson.

"We're able to present more rounded news broadcasts by monitoring the Arab and Israeli stations to see what they're saying. It doesn't pay for them to lie," he reasoned.

Never at a loss of ideas, Nathan was host to Arab and Israeli high school students from both sides of Jerusalem

Abie Nathan

and broadcast their attempt to resurrect the lost art of negotiation. An appeal for the collection of war toys was favorably received by several schools and a penpal system has been set up.

The governments in the area have decided on a hands off policy but seven members of the international crew took no chances and abandoned ship when war broke out.

According to Thompson, their only contact with the armed forces in the area is an Israeli gunboat crew bearing gifts of milk for Golda and Anwar, two Peace Ship cats who are surprisingly well disposed to each other.

Correspondence is received at P.O. Box 3462, Tel Aviv and badly needed donations should be channelled through Ken Davis at the Canadian Council of Churches, 40 St. Clair Ave. East, Toronto.

Eight years in former role

'Duddy's grandpa' shows patience

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL -

Zvee Scooler who plays the part of "Simcha", Duddy's grandfather in Mordecai Richler's **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz** currently being filmed in Montreal is a very patient man.

He spent eight years on Broadway playing Mordcha the innkeeper in **Fiddler on the Roof**. For the last 40 years, he had his own series of weekly broadcasts on New York radio station WEVD, where he is known as the "Gram-meister" (master of rhyme).

Scooler told **The Canadian Jewish News** about the filming of **Duddy Kravitz**: "I really understand the character of Simcha because I feel that the old man represents a really positive force, especially in Duddy's life. Richard Dreyfuss who plays Duddy is fascinating to watch. He is a volatile actor, always eager and full of energy.

"We work very well together under Ted Kotcheff's direction. Kotcheff is understanding and patient; he encourages his actors to create interpretations of their own while he illuminates possibilities. We both see Simcha as a man with an inner soul like the rabbis of old."

Did Zvee Scooler ever get tired of **Fiddler**? "Not once," he insists. "Every single performance was unique and I discovered a new insight or different nuance each time. I worked with seven Broadway Tevyes including Zero Mostel, Luther Adler, Herschel Bernardi and Jan Peerce. The only times I missed performances was when I left for Yugoslavia to play the rabbi in the film version of **Fiddler on the Roof**."

The 73-year-old actor has also appeared in several Broadway productions such as **She Loves Me Not, Races** and **We Americans** with Edward G. Robinson. Scooler is known to audiences as one of the outstanding artists of the Yiddish Arts Theatre in New York. During his 20 years with this world famous theatre, he has created magnificent roles in such successes as **The Dybbuk, Rags, Yoshe Kalb**, and **Brothers Ashkenazi**.

Many casting agents have become familiar with Zvee Scooler and accept no substitute. He was asked to appear in **The Detective** with Frank Sinatra by three separate agencies in a role that required shaving his grey, speckled beard. Scooler refused and suggested they hire an already clean-shaven actor. The film producers insisted and tripled his salary in exchange for a shave. His beard was not the only thing he had to shed. He played the part of a Nazi concentration camp victim who was tormented by memories of his past and he had to appear nude -- with tactfully placed camouflage, of course.

Urges observance

TORONTO -

The entire Jewish community is urged to support Human Rights Day in relation to the USSR's denial of human rights for Soviet Jews, says J.B. Salsberg, chairman, Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry. "Dec. 10, designated as Human Rights Day, should see an all-out effort on behalf of Soviet Jews."

Some of the activities suggested by the National Committee for Soviet Jewry and the steering committee are large meetings with non-Jews to publicize the plight of Soviet Jews, a tag day, ads in the paper, letters sent to USSR government officials, and clergymen of all faiths to speak out for Human Rights on the Sabbath prior to Dec. 10.

More information and assistance for any such program can be obtained by calling Canadian Jewish Congress, 363-7190, extension 66.

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"Israel Lives" T-shirts hanging up to dry in Lorne Merkur's backyard in north Toronto.

Would you believe an Israel "tree" in north Toronto? Well, that's what **Lorne Merkur**'s backyard (and every other available space inside the house too) looked like when 400 **Israel Lives** T-shirts were hung up to dry. Lorne uses a silk-screening process to print letters on fabric and he and friends **Fred Guth, Paul Rotstein, Risa Feldman**, and **Jordan** and **Shauna Merkur**, spent several busy days and evenings, sometimes working into the early hours of the morning, producing the desired slogans, some in English and some in Hebrew. The shirts sold like hot cakes -- at the Hadassah Bazaar, on the university campus, through B'nai B'rith groups and to individual friends. Many repeat orders added to the total of more than $300, all of which goes to the Israel emergency campaign.

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Rabbi Irving Greenberg, a leading Orthodox rabbi and chairman of the Jewish studies department at New York's City College, will be guest speaker on Sunday, Dec. 2, at a meeting sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple's adult education committee. His topic: **Beyond Orthodoxy, Conservative, Reform: Toward Religious Unity**. The meeting is called for 8:15 p.m. at the temple.

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Murray Laufer, resident designer for the Toronto Arts Foundation productions at the St. Lawrence Centre, is the first and only stage designer to be made a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Academy.

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Within days of the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War, Toronto artist **Tutzi Seguin** (she had returned from Israel just the day before) organized a blitz art sale at her home to raise money for Israel. The sale -- her own oils, acrylics and enamels, plus some sculpture pieces by her sister **Edith Kalles** -- netted over $2,000 - double the amount raised at a like sale after the Six Day War. And to top even that, a painting donated by Mrs. Seguin as a raffle prize to ORT brought in another $150.

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Torontonian **Lillian Winton**, a past president of Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, was elected to the board of directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods at their recent convention in New York. NFTS represents 625 sisterhoods of Reform congregations.

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Recently arrived from Israel to take up his duties as emissary to the education department of the Canadian Zionist Federation is **Professor Eliezer Stern** of Bar-Ilan University. Associated with the university since 1962, he founded and headed the faculty of education there. In his new post, Dr. Stern will act as consultant to the Jewish schools in Canada.

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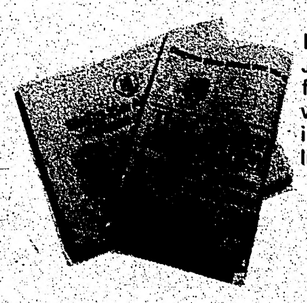

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Luck plus ability to create laughter gives chance for childhood dream

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

Thanks to lots of luck and a talent for making people laugh, actress Gilda Radner is living her childhood dreams.

The elastic-faced, long-legged comedienne from Detroit says "Second City was my dream from the time I knew it existed." Today she is delighting thousands as star of the Toronto Second City Revue's **Tippecanoe and Deja Vue.**

Gilda, 27, wowed local critics in the long-running musical **Godspell** and her performance in Second City led the **Toronto's Sun** Mckenzie Porter to write "she is about to become one of the great comediennes of our time . . . she is built in body and mind for durability."

A standout in the improvisational work the six-member cast performs after the set show, Gilda told **The Canadian Jewish News**: "For the first time, I feel like an artist. Like a painter or sculptor, I am creating on the spot.

"Improvisational work is like psychotherapy," said the articulate performer, seemingly without the large ego of most entertainers. "You find things coming out which bother you in life or during the day.

"Complete team work is necessary for Second City. It's based on trust and when you're there, we're holding each other up." Gilda gains most of her laughs in plain Jane and old lady parts.

American-born Gilda Radner, star of the Second City Revue.

Aside from Second City, you can see her daily in a number of television commercials such as the humorous Molson Golden Ale ones. "I'm always the stupid one," she quipped. And she plays the wife in rollers in the Schick hair dryer commercial.

As for her childhood dreams to be a member of Second City, the Chicago-based improvisational company, she knew "about Mike (Nichols) and Elaine (May) at the University of Michigan. They came to Ann Arbor and I enjoyed the show very much."

One of her friends told her: "Gilda, that's what you should do. You'd be good at it."

She saw Second City again in Chicago and a third time when the troupe visited Toronto. When they came to hold auditions for a Toronto-based show, "the people in **Godspell** forced me to go and it became a dream come true."

For Gilda Radner, being funny came naturally. Daughter of a hotelier in Detroit, her father took her to many shows as a child. He received passes from performers staying at his hotel.

As a student, she began her career in character roles playing such parts as Hiawatha's grandmother and various male roles "because I had the loudest voice in an all-girl school."

The tall, angular performer with tip-tilted nose and wide smile said at high school, she was very fat and continued to do character parts. Five years ago, she got tired of playing the "witch's mothers," got a part as an ingenue and lost weight.

"I learned to laugh at yourself so other people wouldn't laugh at you. You let them know you're aware of yourself . . . I used to hate blonde gals with blue eyes who never had to try harder."

After graduation from the University of Michigan, she came to Toronto in 1969. She first got into performing here with the Global Village.

On the urging of friends, she tried out for **Godspell** and success followed. Reviews were excellent with the result that the show played here for over a year.

"It was the experience of my life. It was the first professional job for most of us. We were all very close." (Two other Second City performers -- Eugene Levy and Gerry Salsberg -- are **Godspell** graduates.)

Gilda, very happy in Second City, doesn't believe in planning too far ahead. She expects to be involved in more local TV work and is working on several projects.

After sending her rave reviews in Second City to her mother, Gilda got a note back which read: "I always knew you'd be a star. Well, you're not really a star, just a twinkle."

Said Gilda: "My mother would probably be more satisfied if I was a wife of a lawyer or a doctor and had two kids. I told her to carry my reviews in her wallet instead of pictures of grandchildren."

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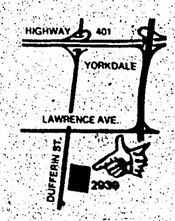

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Travel

Old Caribbean Island synagogue visited

By GABRIEL LEVENSON

During the past summer an eager troupe of young Californians led by Leo Abrami, rabbi of Bethel Congregation in Berkeley, paid homage with shovels, buckets and notebooks to one of the oldest synagogues in the Western hemisphere. Its ruins lie on the tiny Caribbean island of St. Eustatius, and the young people of the Caribbean Mitzvah Corps had gone there on their vacation to help preserve and restore the building which dates originally back to 1738, and to the cemetery, which is even older.

By Aug. 3, when the first services were held in the cleaned out building in almost 200 years, they had uncovered an almost ignored chapter of Jewish history that bears a surprisingly direct relationship to the American Revolution.

In 1776, the Dutch island of Saint Eustatius (or Statia), 130 miles southeast of the Virgin Islands, was the busiest port in the Caribbean. Known as the "Golden Rock" because of the wealth of its inhabitants and the extent of its commerce, Statia was the principal supplier of weapons to the hard-pressed American colonists fighting to win their freedom from Great Britain.

There would be as many as 200 ships anchored offshore at Oranjestad, the island's capital, and the warehouses along the waterfront were laden with sugar, tobacco and spices awaiting shipment to Europe . . . in return for such items as the cannons, muskets, gunpowder and bullets so urgently needed by the Revolutionary Army.

Among the island's leading merchants was the handful of Jews, who had come to Statia as early as 1680 — from Jamaica, where there had been a Jewish population since the Marranos went ashore there as members of Columbus' crew; and from the Dutch island of Curacao, the centre of Jewish population in the New World during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Statia, with its rich soil and with its port of Oranjestad so useful for trade with the neighboring English, French and Spanish islands, attracted Jewish settlers, who quickly established themselves among the island's principal commercial figures.

In the years that followed, the community expanded far beyond the 21 Jews reported in the first census, taken in 1720. To the first Sephardic settlers from Curacao and Jamaica were added other Spanish - Portuguese Jews from Holland, New York and Rhode Island . . . and Ashkenazim from France, England, Germany and Bohemia. When a devastating hurricane damaged the Statia synagogue in 1772, the New York congregation of Shearith Israel sent funds to help restore it.

Statia, and the Jews of Statia, prospered . . . as the busy commerce with England's New World colonies quickened during the Revolutionary War. So extensive was that trade and so close the connections between the emerging American nation and the Dutch island, that its governor, Johannes de Groot, had the temerity to order a 21-gun salute to the American flag.

On November 16, 1776, Fort Oranje in Statia became the first foreign garrison to salute the Great Union flag (predecessor of the Stars and Stripes), flying from the mast of the "Andrew Doria," a frigate of the newly launched United States Navy.

Statia, and the Jews of Statia, were to pay heavily for Governor de Groot's action. The Dutch-held island had long been a thorn in Britain's side, supplying vital arms to the colonists, yet immune from invasion because of Dutch neutrality in the war. Now the British had an excuse to seize Statia; and a fleet under the command of Admiral George Rodney took possession from the small and helpless garrison of defenders.

The island and its teeming warehouses were thoroughly looted by Rodney's men. A list of all the merchants and an inventory of their goods were demanded and secured.

To be cont'd next week

This yellow brick synagogue on St. Eustatius was built about 1738 by one of the first Jewish communities in the Caribbean. Tombs in the graveyard reveal the names of many Sephardic Jews who came from South America. (H. Marcus)

Convention centre has 1999 bookings

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Elation, disappointment caused by PoW's return

By SAM LIPSHITZ

(Mr. Lipshitz, well-known Jewish community leader and freelance journalist, has just returned from a 10-day visit to Israel.)

Sam Lipshitz

TEL AVIV –

For days Israel buzzed with excitement. Did you hear, "they" are coming back tomorrow morning! This was the first thing one was told when meeting anyone in Tel Aviv. "They", of course meant the prisoners of war.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 was to be the day. I arrived in Tel Aviv the night before and wherever I went, the anticipated return of the prisoners was the talk of the hour. That's the way it is in Israel now -- every soldier is everyone's son. "Our boys" will be coming home tomorrow!

But the "tomorrow" was unexpectedly delayed. Cairo's insistence that Israel give up control over the Cairo-Suez road to the UN was holding up agreement. And skeptical Tel Avivers, deeply disappointed, began preparing for a long wait.

On Wednesday afternoon however, good news came over the air waves. "Tomorrow is the day." But again another announcement, this time much more disappointing: only 238 Israeli prisoners of war would be released by the Egyptians. They claimed that this was the complete contingent of captured Israelis. A sizeable number, over 100, originally thought to have been captured, would now have to be considered missing -- presumably killed in action.

Thus elation is tempered with sorrow and expectation with disappointment. That's the way it is in Israel now!

Thursday, Nov. 15 was R-day, the day of return. Hardly anyone shut off the radio for even a moment. Whether you walked into a home, a store, a hotel lobby, or got into a taxi -- the radio was on. Only the close relatives of the returning prisoners, newspapermen and some government and military dignitaries were permitted to go to Lod airport, where the Swiss plane carrying the first batch of wounded was to arrive. All other Israelis were there in spirit -- glued to their radios, anxious to hear the first "Shalom" of the first repatriated prisoner.

Twenty-six of them -- all of them wounded -- were brought on the first flight. Some of them had to be carried, others managed to walk down the few steps on their own power. All of them pale, clad in "Auschwitz"-like, striped Egyptian pyjamas, their heads shaven -- but everyone cheerful and happy. They tried hard to retain their composure, so did those who met them on behalf of the government and army, President and Mrs. Katzir, General Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff General David Elazar, Air Force Commander General Peled and others.

To little avail. Many wept at the sight of empty sleeves or trouser legs. Others gave vent to their emotion by loud cheering and clapping. The contingent of young army girls, who met the plane, embraced and kissed every one of the repatriates and received grateful smiles and kisses in return. It was a moment to be remembered for a lifetime.

Not so in Cairo! Sadat and his military leaders, in their attempt to persuade their people that theirs was a great military victory, cannot afford the luxury of welcoming returned prisoners from Israel. Thus, the planes carrying the returned Egyptians, land on remote airfields, in complete secrecy. The repatriates are whisked away and the Egyptian newspapers completely ignore their return.

But facts are stubborn. On the morning when 26 Israeli PoW's were returned, no less than 412 Egyptians were sent back to Cairo. A DC-6 aircraft, almost half-empty, brought the Israelis from Egypt. It took six flights the same day to send the first batch of Egyptians home.

On Sunday, Nov. 18 I went with the rest of the press corps to meet the fourth group of returned Israeli prisoners. This time there were 35 of them. Again, the emotional scenes of the past few days repeated themselves. Once again, the pale, head-shaven, pyjama-clad, young, cheerful Israelis came out of the Swissair Red Cross plane. Once again they were met by their attractive female army colleagues, greeted with flowers and hearty kisses. Everyone cheered. An army doctor, captured near the Suez, loudly kissed the pretty girl soldier who met him. One or two of them wept unashamedly. Some stood for a few seconds in the doorway, waved their hands and cheered at the top of their voices.

At that moment the ratio of returnees stood at 158 Israelis against 3,969 Egyptians -- about 25 to 1.

So much for Sadat's victory!

As we were about to leave, the army press officer came inside the bus with an unexpected announcement. Six busloads of Egyptian prisoners had just arrived at the airport and were about to be shipped home. After the Red Cross completed the necessary control and formalities, he told us, we would be allowed to interview the Egyptians.

We readily took advantage of the opportunity. As we boarded the buses, it took little time to notice the difference. No pale faces, no shaven heads, no striped pyjamas. All of them healthy looking, without any visible effects of their imprisonment.

The ones who understood English, willingly replied to questions. As to their treatment in the Israeli prisoner of war camp, there were ready replies ranging from 'good', 'very good', to an enthusiastic 'excellent'. They were all happy to go home. "I came from Cairo," one of them told me, "and I want to go back to my home and my green field. I love farming."

The port city of Haifa at the foot of Mount Carmel in northern Israel is one of the most beautiful cities in Israel as well as being of prime economic importance. It was here that Elijah battled with the priest of Ba'al. (Israel Government Travel Bureau)

Port overtook rival

HAIFA –

In ancient times it was the port of Acre across the bay from Haifa that received the most attention. It was Acre that served the Phoenicians. In later years Acre became the port of St. Jean d'Acre and served as one of the first landing sites of the invading Crusaders as well as one of the last strongholds of Crusader influence, being captured by the Moslems in 1291.

Haifa had to wait until just before World War I when the Turks, then in control of this area began building up the port. A railroad station built by the Germans for the Turks was set up at Haifa. This gave the new port its largest spurt. Then, after the British took over the port, it was expanded still further, making it a major supply centre for their expanding empire.

It was in the early '30s that German Jews, fleeing from the threat of Hitler, arrived in significant numbers and began to give Haifa its present character. Even today there seems to be more politeness and cleanliness in Haifa than in any other city of the eastern Mediterranean.

Haifa itself is a physical wonder. On the lower level, adjacent to the water edge, it is an industrial and business area. Here is located Israel's unique "Dagon Silo." Built to allow rapid unloading of the continuous stream of grain ships that arrive here, it is a local landmark. Keeping with the Israeli tradition of culture, the Hecht family, which owns the silo has established a beautiful private museum that is little known to outsiders. The older residential area of Haifa is to be found at the "Hadar" halfway up Mount Carmel. On the top of Mount Carmel are the newest residential and shopping centres.

Today, one of the largest national parks in Israel is located on the top of Mount Carmel and the 217,000 inhabitants of the city find they are located in one of the most beautiful sites of the Middle East.

Tell brave Israelis shalom, urges prominent travel head

JERUSALEM –

David Freudman, a prominent member of a Toronto group of travel agents is president of James Vance Travel of Toronto. He feels that he wanted to see for himself what the tourist situation is in Israel at this moment.

"I want to say 'Shalom' to the courageous people of Israel. As a Canadian, I wish we had weather like that in Canada, the bright sunshine and cloudless blue skies are warming my heart. After this short visit I will tell my clients to Come Now to shake the people's hand and show your solidarity with the Israelis. Yesterday I went into a store in Jerusalem. The owner said warmly 'Thank you for coming to Israel' and I know he meant it."

Emile Aufgang of Aufgang Travel, Toronto, mentioned a remarkable fact. For the first time five travel agencies forgot their old rivalries and pooled their resources together to bring a substantial stream of tourists from Canada to Israel. Full pages appeared in the press. New ideas were propagated, such as Parent-Teen tour, a family affair in Israel, and many more ideas. Aufgang is extremely enthusiastic about the near future of tourism to Israel.

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A group of travel agents recently went to Israel on a special mission to examine first hand the current and future potential of tourism there. Left, Carol Tucker of Imperial Travel Services Ltd., Montreal is in front of King David's Tower, Jerusalem. Centre, top, is David Freudman of James Vance Travel, Toronto; at bottom is Hannah Perly of Al Perly Travel Service, Toronto. At right are agents Jerry Gilbert and Carol Tucker.

Holy Land visit more unforgettable than ever

By BERNIE ZELDMAN

Recently a group of travel agents -- members of Allied Travel Associates, visited Israel on a special mission to examine first-hand the current and future potential of tourism to that country.

Here is the impression of one of them.

We have all visited Israel many times in the past. In the '50s, '60s, '70s, during various holidays, festivals and on special occasions. A visit to Israel then was always inspirational, moving and exciting.

What did we find this time? A tremendously historical, emotional and unforgettable experience. Visiting Israel now, gives you an exceptional feeling of solidarity and personal closeness to the people. Although you may be speaking to strangers, now more than ever you sense that you are both members on the same "mishpacha" and no introductions are necessary for either one of you to completely open your heart and speak on the same level as to a brother or sister.

Some remarks from complete strangers: 'Thank you for coming.' 'Thank you for letting me see your faces again.' 'Thank you for coming, sir. Please tell your friends to come now. We need them.' These are spontaneous pleas from cab drivers, hotel people, shopkeepers and even soldiers on Golan Heights who know what tourism means to the economy of Israel.

Tourist sights are open and most parts of the country can be visited without restrictions. Aside from just being present there, what else can you do to help your "mishpacha"?

Visit rehabilitation centres for wounded soldiers and hospitals. The boys will be happy to see you. If you are a member of a special mission, you will probably have an opportunity to visit the front lines on Golan Heights or Suez. What can you bring for these heroes?

Bring something to occupy them, to take away the boredom. Chess, checkers, backgammon, playing cards, pocket books (in Hebrew), magazines, etc. Purchase these in Israel. Get names and addresses of people and correspond with them after you return. Rent a car and volunteer your services for driving those in need. Many women in Tel Aviv have wounded sons and husbands in hospitals in Galilee for example. They may not have the means to get there easily. Offer to drive them. On the way, pick up some hitchhiking soldiers. They are on the way home for a long deserved short leave or returning to their positions. You'll feel that you have helped in your small way.

Most important, go soon. Now is the time to be in Israel. You will be doing as much for yourself as you will for the country. Now is the time when you will feel as being a part of history of Israel. You have contributed financially. Contribute a bit of yourself. Show your solidarity and visit the "mishpacha".

Mr. Zeldman is president of Celebrity Travel Services Ltd.

Kol told Shecter

Immediate tourism is vital to end Israel's loneliness

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO – "It is more important to send us 50 tourists now than 500 during Purim," Moshe Kol, Israeli minister of tourism recently told Max Shecter, Canadian Zionist Central Region president, who has just returned from Israel.

Shecter quoted the statement at a meeting of the regional council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, held at Beth Sholom Synagogue. After hearing reports concerning fund raising and press coverage during the war, from all communities in southern Ontario, the meeting was turned over to those giving eye-witness accounts of wartime and postwar Israel.

The one topic stressed by Ben Kayfetz, executive director, CJC Central Region, David Satok, president CJC, Central Region and Max Shecter was Israel's need for tourism. Kayfetz was in Israel when war broke out, Satok arrived for a Bar Mitzvah (for the son of Rabbi Forman, formerly of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, who now resides in Israel) shortly after the ceasefire, and Shecter arrived on November 7.

Shecter summed up the need for tourism and the prevailing mood in Israel by stating: "Tourism is a way of showing Israelis that they have brothers and sisters throughout the world and that they are not alone. It's not the same as Miami Beach or Mexico, but who needs that now?"

Shecter went on to note that when he arrived at Lod airport he was "staggered to see so little activity." He noted that only two of the 18 floors in his hotel were being used. "Visiting Israel is a holy duty. It is no longer a pleasure trip," he emphatically stated.

One thing that Israel does not need is "Monday morning quarterbacks" amongst world Jewry, commented Satok. After noting Israel's tremendous economic problems (over and above the $5 billion cost of the war), the casualties, Israel's need for arms from the United States, and the fact that most men are still in the army, Satok stated: "We are not entitled to criticize from this vantage point."

All three men had the highest praise for the Israeli soldiers. Shecter felt that this was was "a greater military victory than the Six Day War," considering the obstacles the Israeli soldiers had to overcome. He went on to note that the "mystical magic of the Western Wall was greatly enhanced by the soldiers who, when they arrived in Jerusalem, immediately went to the wall with their rifles still in their hands."

Kayfetz succinctly stated: "The absence of spit and polish in the Israeli army appears to be a virtue."

One of the highlights of Shecter's trip came on November 14 when his group, which included Philip Givenz, CZF president, Dr. Leon Kronitz, executive vice president of the CZF, and Frank Dimant, executive director, CZF Central Region arrived on the West Bank of the Suez Canal. The group was so moved that they stopped to say the shehecheyanu prayer. They eventually made their way to Kilometre 101 where UN, Israeli and Egyptian officials were negotiating terms of the ceasefire. "You really felt you were part of Jewish history," stated Shecter.

Torah scroll hurried to settlement on resumed Montreal-Tel Aviv run

MONTREAL –

Along with the excited passengers on the first El Al flight on the resumed Montreal-Tel Aviv run, was a Torah scroll from Western Canada. The saga of the scroll began two weeks ago, when the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi of Canada, received an urgent phone call from Israel requesting a Sefer Torah for Ramat Magshimim.

Ramat Magshimim is an area of the Golan Heights, which is settled by members of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi. Two settlements had already risen and recently the Yeshivat Hagolan – another link in the chain of Bnei Akiva Yeshivot in Israel – opened its doors. Being only two miles from the Syrian border, the area was totally overrun by the Syrians on Yom Kippur.

Miraculously, when the initial attack was launched, all the families were gathered in the shelter for services -- since this was the only place large enough to hold the entire community. A few hours later, the settlement was successfully evacuated and on the third day of the war, with the Syrians pushed back, the settlers returned determined to rebuild their levelled homes and life on the Golan.

A recent visitor to the area described the spirit of the settlers. Not only were they not discouraged by their experience, but they are determined to make the area into a stronghold against Syrian aggression. Their planning boards already call for many more settlements with an eventual population of about 4,000.

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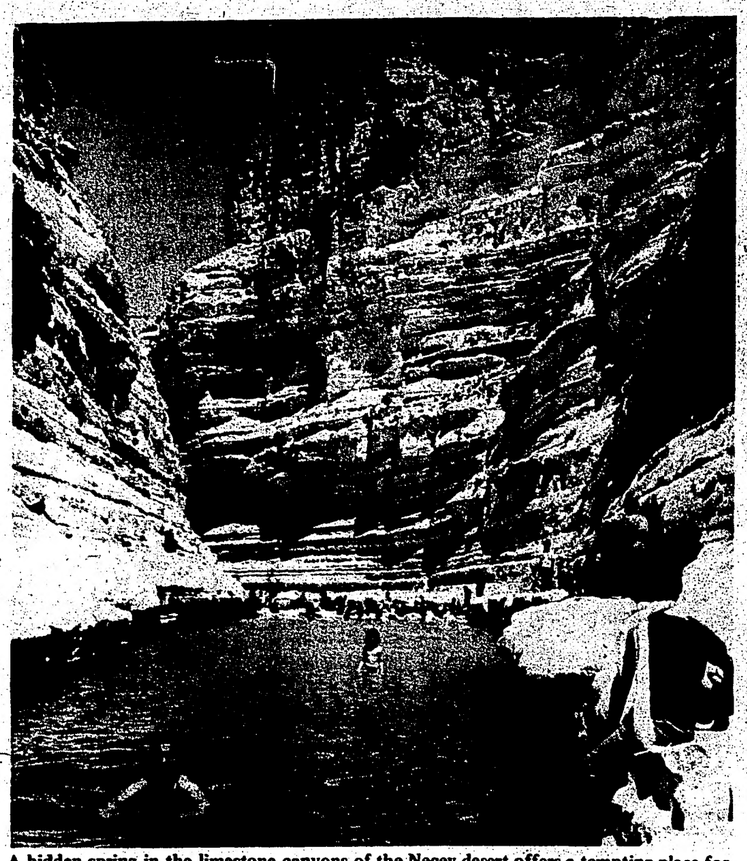
Israel is the ideal playground for the central, western and north European tourist, only a few hours' flight even from the Americas and the traveller finds himself in one of the most fascinating countries. The cradle of the three Monotheistic religions – Judaism, Islam and Christianity – the geographic proximity, the speedy and economical air travel is a powerful magnet for the potential tourist. Israel's attractions vary from religious and historical explorations, to the unique experience of a young nation re-establishing its ancient homeland.



A hidden spring in the limestone canyons of the Negev desert offers a tempting place for a cooling dip. These young travelers are on their way to Eilat in southern Israel.

The tourist can enjoy picturesque desert tours, water sports, and more recently, therapeutic treatments at the various new spas. Due to her central geographical location, Israel is gradally becoming a stopover for tourists travelling by air from Europe to Africa, the Far East and the southeast Asian region, in most cases without paying additional fares. This of course equally applies to American travellers on their way to Africa or Australians and New Zealanders on their way to Europe.

The Israel infrastructure is proceeding at a highly satisfactory rate. Hotels, vacation villages, kibbutzim, camping and sporting facilities are in the process of rapid up-to-date development. The continuous wave of immigration to Israel from virtually every country affords the tourist the opportunity to communicate in his own language, thus making him feel at home the moment he reaches the shores of Israel. It is a well-known fact that an eventual popular tourist region is first discovered by a relatively small number of tourists in search of historic and exciting experiences. These are invariably followed by a steady flow of others attracted by the impressions and adventures of their predecessors.

The ministry of tourism is constantly developing new regions and propagating historic places of interest. As mentioned earlier one of the most remarkable aspects of travel in Israel is the close proximity of climatic variations.

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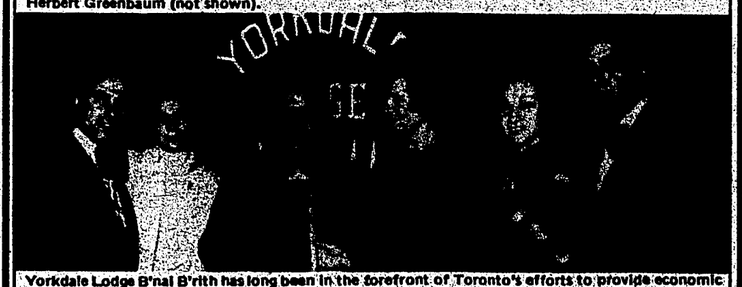
COMMUNITY NEWSMAKERS

Alex Eisen, past president of B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue and an outstanding leader in Toronto's Israel Bond Campaign was the proud recipient of an impressive award from the State of Israel on the occasion of the congregation's dinner in his honor. Shown here, left to right are guest speaker Lew Norman, Mrs. Eisen, Alex Eisen, and Jack Kruger, Israel Bond and Dinner Co-Chairman with Herbert Greenbaum (not shown).



Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith has long been in the forefront of Toronto's efforts to provide economic investment funds for Israel through Israel Bonds. In response to the recent crisis, their members mobilized additional hundreds of thousands of dollars for Israel. Lodge leader Michael Finkelstein was accorded grateful recognition for his exceptional efforts by a presentation at the dinner in his honor on Saturday evening, November 24th. (Left to right): Charles Goldlust, lodge president; Miss Sandra Levit, Michael Finkelstein, Mrs. Finkelstein, Mrs. Chaim Neuberger, Chaim Neuberger, Israel Bond and Dinner Chairman.

Solomon Sporn was honored by members and friends of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation as their Israel Bond Award recipient for 1973. Parlor meetings in his honor held in advance of the dinner helped achieve the largest total in Bond sales ever attained by the synagogue. In addition to the award presented to Mr. Sporn, the synagogue was awarded the "Masada" plaque "for outstanding achievement." (Left to right): Mrs. Solomon Sporn, Mr. Sporn, Max Guttman, Israel Bond Chairman; Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; Mrs. Max Guttman, Alvin Golombek, Dinner Chairman; Mrs. Golombek, Rabbi Albert Pappenheim.

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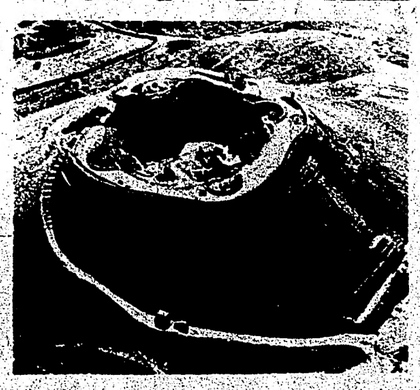

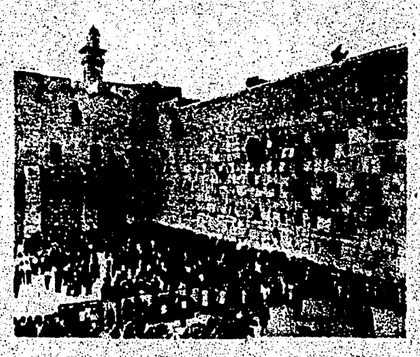

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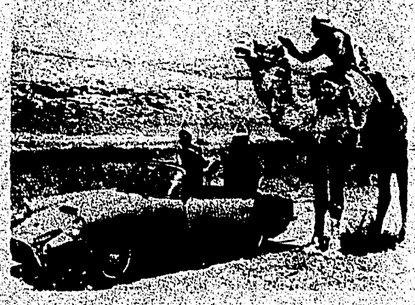

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Beth Tzedec settlement

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Region resolution "rejects in effect the Joint Placement Commission's view that they . . . have the right to impose a boycott against a synagogue and that in effect a synagogue does not have the right to determine who its rabbi will be."

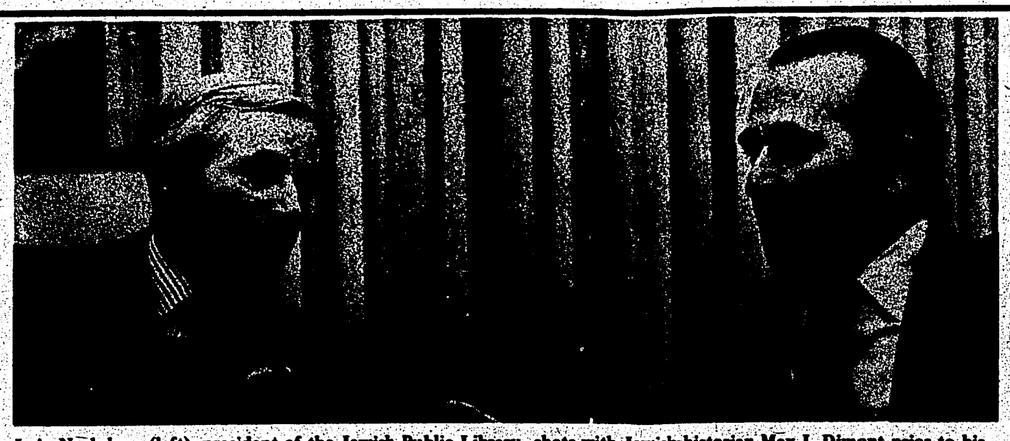
Rabbi Kelman told the meeting it was alright for a rabbi to sue a congregation in public courts, the statement said. "He condones an action of a member of his R.A., an action which is in violation of the spirit of Jewish law and traditional practice."

Part of the Beth Tzedec statement continued: "Rabbi Kelman says he has never prevented anyone from coming to Beth Tzedec, yet he was unable to defend himself when confronted with specific names and dates of 13 rabbis who were to come and yet never did appear. Reams of correspondence were presented at the meeting showing proof positive under Rabbi Kelman's own signature of his intimidation of prospective visitors to Beth Tzedec.

"Rabbi Kelman says that Rabbi Marcovitz is at Beth Tzedec only through the permission of Rabbi Rosenberg. This remark in itself is enough to indicate how, at this very moment, Beth Tzedec Congregation is being directed from New York . . ."

Asked to comment on the bitter feeling some local United Synagogue members have towards the rabbinate, Rabbi Kelman replied that it was part of an anti-establishment trend which is hitting Canada about 10 to 15 years after a similar mood passed through the U.S.

In other developments at Beth Tzedec, a recount was ordered in the recent election for the 30-member board of governors. Said Gellman: "There was an official demand by six of the unsuccessful candidates -- all members of the 'Help Restore' slate. While there's no provision in the constitution and it could have been refused, an emergency meeting was called and it was unanimously decided to provide a recount for "Beit Shalom." "



Issie Nachshem (left), president of the Jewish Public Library, chats with Jewish historian Max I. Dimont prior to his talk on Jewish myths to a Montreal audience. Fifty years of Jewish Book Months were celebrated. (H. Kay photo)

Dimont attacks historical platitudes

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

In celebration of the 50 years of Jewish Book Months the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, and the Jewish Public Library invited the distinguished historian, Max I. Dimont, a writer who more than any other can be credited with the mass popularization of Jewish history, as a speaker.

A compelling speaker with the appealing delivery of a Yiddish humorist, Dimont has sold more books than any other Jewish historian. Over two million copies of Jews, God and History have been bought in 15 printings.

With one fell swoop the Helsinki-born author decimated those Christian and Jewish historians for their "accumulation of platitudes and lamentations."

He describes their historical perspective as the "oy, oy and shmaltz syndrome - pious frauds who either apply a meagre Jewish footnote to history or analyze it as one continuum of oppression and suffering.

"In church circles it is fashionable to downgrade Jewish history for the sake of Christ's grandeur, and by rabbis in ghettos to enhance Jewish suffering through phoney dirges."

For Dimont, Jewish history is a living entity, a vibrant progression of ideas which have shaped the course of mankind.

Today he says Jewish youths are "rebels without a cause," with the chief culprits being the Jewish establishment. American Jewry, he says, is afraid to express Jewish values. On the campuses youth is exposed to new ideas and they see Jewish values as "superficial".

Take disciplinary action against officer

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ment.

He tied in Canada's outlook on the Palestinian problem by saying the government should stop its "powdered milk" policy and instead concentrate on the elimination of their dependency by "recognizing their fundamental rights, which means their own country.

"The minister of foreign affairs and the majority of the members of the Houses do not understand when they proclaim in their cries that they are in favor of Israel's existence, and that Israel has an unalienable right to exist etc. . ."

In the letter, which Le Devoir titled 'Canadian foreign policy totally lacking in logic,' he said Canada refuses to see reality when 3,000 volunteer workers leave for Israel "in apprenticeship, probably in the art of warfare."

Then, he wrote, Canada acts the "offended virgin" when the Arabs announce an oil boycott.

Brisson commented that it is profitable for politicians to support Israel. He said this is an admission that "Jewish capital controls the foreign policy of Canada, and this evidently qualifies the country as racist or Nazi."

Last week Meyer Bick, national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee sent a message to External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp, commenting on the Brisson letter.

Bick wrote: "The letter is not only arrogent and distasteful in terms of its direct and implied allegations about Canadian foreign policy decisions but is also highly out of order in that the writer is a diplomat in your department and therefore must be required to implement policy rather than dictate it."

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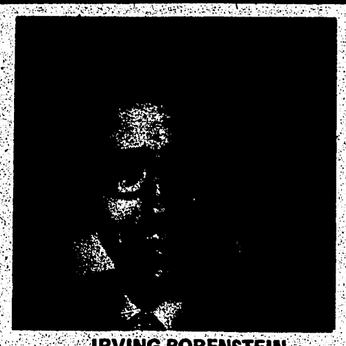

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No more funding of Jewish schools

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –
The Association of Jewish Day Schools was officially informed that the 1973-74 school season will be the last that Jewish schools will receive public funds under the "associate status" provision.

The policy was explained to the representatives of the Jewish day schools by Deputy Education Minister Therese Baron, and the director of the department of education's private sector Gaston Bibeau at a meeting held last week at Bronfman House in Montreal.

"The point Miss Baron made at the meeting," explained Murray Spiegel, president of the Congress' Eastern Region, "is that the government is not coercing anyone. She said everyone is entitled to go to a private school if they wanted, but they have to pay for the privilege."

According to Spiegel, Miss Baron said there would be a seven-year phase-in period for French-language instruction, and that the government is prepared to accommodate any outstanding contracts established by the various schools.

"Clearly the government is unbending on the matter of associate status," Spiegel added. "The Congress is not taking a definitive position on the matter and we're not saying schools have to accept the government's proposition."

Although the association under the leadership of Ben Beutel is associated with the Congress' Eastern Region, the association has enjoyed autonomy.

Spiegel said Congress and the association must take "a hard look" at the matter since there are certain realities . . . substantial costs which the community can ill afford to bear."

The Eastern Region president said the schools have "strong views" on the government's policy. Some schools believe there is nevertheless "coercion" in the French languages policy. They say their schools should be considered a public system and therefore not under the jurisdiction of Bill 56 and its "public interest" articles.

"But at the moment of truth, the schools may change their position," said Spiegel.

Saul Tarnofsky is general chairman of the 1974 fund raising drive of the Allied Jewish Community Services. Kappy Flanders is women's division chairman.

Our sacrifices small next to Israel's

From Our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL –
An air of profound tribute for Israeli Jewry hushed the 750 guests at the opening of the Combined Jewish Appeal annual awards dinner last week. These contributors knew the financial sacrifices they were recently called upon to pledge measured only a small part of the sacrifices Israel's Jews were forced to make.

The 1973 General-Campaign Chairman Simon Cobrin said that next years chairman – as in all cities – would have to be a man of outstanding talent to meet the demands of the reconstruction period. This man in Montreal, Cobrin said, is Saul Tarnofsky.

Charles R. Bronfman, president of Allied Jewish Community Services, says that during times of dangerous crisis, leaders emerge to meet the overwhelming tasks. This man in Montreal, Bronfman said, is Simon Cobrin.

"The Montreal Jewish community weathered the storm magnificently," stated Cobrin, "responding to the crisis and the needs of the people of Israel with emotion and generosity in an unforgettable demonstration of the unity of our people.

"In the forefront, responsible as ever, was the fine leadership of this Jewish community. And the man who personally led the way was Charles Bronfman and his dedicated wife, Barbara," he added.

During the Yom Kippur War, Bronfman said he found in Israel a terrible thing happening. "At six o'clock in the evening the King David Hotel was empty . . . nobody was there . . . At the Hebrew University you could find no one. There, all classes were terminated. The students were at war or on active service . . . the professors were at war or on active service."

Israel, he said, feels isolated. "She felt so alone during the Yom Kippur War. Country after country in Africa deserted us, and Europe is subjected to blackmail.

"Go and tell your friends in Israel that you love them and want to be with them. We not only help Israel with our dollars but also with our physical presence . . . proving we really are one people."

Although the community does not publish achieved amounts, the 1973 figure under the leadership of Cobrin netted more than double that of 1972.

Five men were named winners of the prestigious Michael Hirsch Memorial Trophy – highest award for volunteers in the 32-year-old Combined Jewish Appeal. Normally one man is named winner of the award but five were chosen this year because of the "extraordinary dimensions" of the 1973 campaign.

Winners for 1973 are Louis Greenberg, Phil Levenson, Martin Levine, Leonard Pedvis and Saul Tarnofsky. The second highest award, the Special Merit Award which also normally goes to one person – this time went to five men too: Dr. Harry Magder, Simon Maislin, Marvin Walker, Joe Schaffer, and Morris Zinman.

The highest accolade of the women's division of the CJA, announced earlier by the 1973 chairman Nettie Weinstein, is the Rhoada Leopold Award which went to the Jewish women of Montreal.

The second major award, the Bess Pascal Memorial Scholarship was presented to the campaign executive in recognition of their exceptional leadership qualities.

Teacher association formed

By PATRICIA RUCKER
CJN Education Writer

TORONTO –
General studies teachers at five schools – Associated Hebrew, Bialik, Community Hebrew Academy, Eitz Chaim and United Synagogue Day Schools – have united to form the Association of Teachers in Hebrew Day Schools. So far, however, they have not persuaded their colleagues who teach Hebrew subjects to join them.

The association was formed officially last June. One of its primary objects is to act as a bargaining agent for its members in contract negotiations between school boards and teachers.

Until now, general studies teachers have negotiated their contracts individually. As a result, there has been no uniform pay scale for all teachers in all day schools. In contrast, Toronto Hebrew teachers negotiate contracts through their federation, the Hebrew Teachers' Alliance.

Initial reaction to the formation of the general studies teachers' association has been favorable. Principals at several of the schools contacted by **The Canadian Jewish News** agreed that the association was in the best interests of the staff. (Principals are excluded from membership.)

The boards of Bialik and the United Synagogue Day Schools are allowing association dues to be deducted directly from teachers' pay cheques and association officers are hopeful that soon all schools will permit such deductions.

The question of union between the two federations is provoking a more mixed reaction. In a letter written shortly after the formation of the association, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, told the association's chairman, Donnie Freedman, that "a primary objective on the part of the association should be a merger with the Hebrew Teachers' Alliance, the only body presently recognized by our affiliated schools as a bargaining agent for teachers."

However, there are fears on the part of some Hebrew teachers that one organization could not represent both groups of teachers equally well.

At a general meeting of the alliance on Sunday, Nov. 18, a motion by Miriam Teitel, first vice-chairman of the general studies teachers' association, proposing a merger, generated such heated debate that Mrs. Teitel withdrew in order to allow the Hebrew teachers more time for discussion.

Family Sanctity Laws widely unknown

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO –
It seems paradoxical that in this permissive age, bashfulness and misguided modesty have brought about a conspiracy of silence so total that, according to Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, large numbers of Jewish couples are left in ignorance of the Laws of Family Sanctity.

Rabbi Ochs was speaking at the Torath Emeth Centre, at a symposium on Jewish Family Life which marked the opening of the Ontario chapter of Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues of America.

The Laws of Family Sanctity, based on female physiological functions, prescribe the separation of husband and wife and their subsequent reunion only after immersion of the woman in the Mikvah (ritual pool) has taken place.

Rabbi Ochs called these laws, together with those governing the observance of the Sabbath and Kashrut, "the very cornerstones of Jewish life."

Together with two physicians, Dr. L. Zoberman and Dr. P. Ruzohorsky, and Millie Drebin, principal of the Beth Jacob elementary school, Rabbi Ochs explained the laws and their application to the 300 women present, who ranged from grandmothers to teenage girls.

Mrs. Drebin noted the increasing restlessness and unhappiness of young couples today, who in vain try every new angle on relationships and read the latest outpourings of the experts in the marriage manuals. "Few of them think of trying to practice these laws which have a guarantee of 3,000 years standing," she added.

Mrs. Drebin pointed out that although the laws are observed first and foremost because they are a Mitzvah (commandment) they offer great practical benefits to the couple. "A cycle of separation and the anticipation of reunion continually restores excitement and interest to the married relationship," she said.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, Bea Hoschander, regional president of Women's Branch, said that many couples from non-committed homes have found that the practice of these laws has given greater validity, significance and beauty to their marriages. Mrs. Hoschander described the symposium as the realization of a dream. "A few years ago this kind of honesty and openness would have been unthinkable," she said. "The fact that we can have it now is a sign of the maturing of the community."

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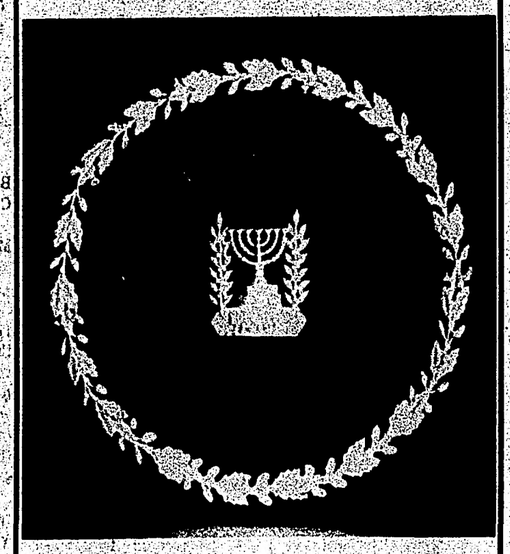

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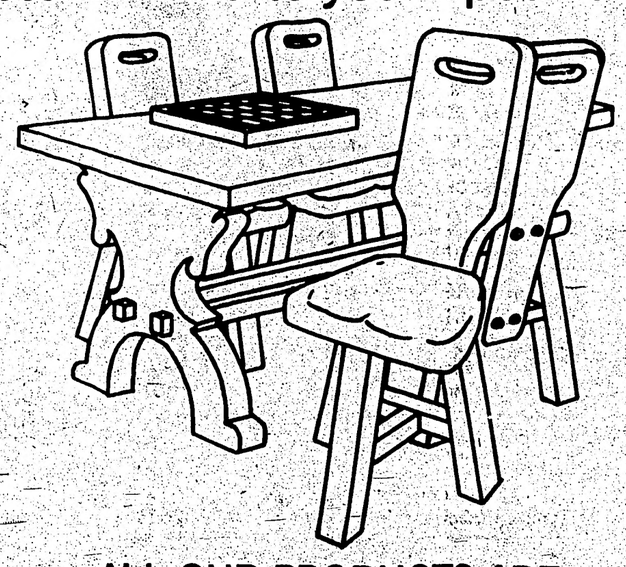

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Arts

Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford star in The Way We Were, based on the novel by Arthur Laurents. Critic Frank Michael says it is the latest and most lavish attempt to re-create the mystique of American innocence, the magic of the star system and the big money of Hollywood's Golden Age.

The Way We Were

Expensive film misses being great

movies

By FRANK MICHAEL

In times of social and spiritual malaise, nostalgia affords a half-way house between former smugness and future introspection. In the U.S., a nation literally coming apart at its dreams, their symptomatic sojourn has proven, for the film industry, both protracted and profitable.

The Way We Were, based on the novel by Arthur Laurents, is the latest, and most lavish, attempt to re-create the mystique of American innocence, the magic of the 'star system,' and the big money of Hollywood's Golden Age. A sinfully extravagant budget of $5 million supplies a surplus of vintage costumes, motorcars, sets and hairdressing, substantial contracts for Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand, and plenty of prime-time promotion.

Unfortunately, the budget makes little provision for -- and perhaps precludes -- honest retrospective, intelligible motivation, genuine insight, complex characterization, or plot-plausibility.

That a very vocal, very Jewish girl of Communist persuasion working her way through college should eventually marry the rich, athletic, literary campus "Golden Goy" strains credibility under the best of circumstances; that she should do so in the America of 1944 without benefit of any discernible motivation simply breaks the back of an already spineless film.

The infuriating thing about **The Way We Were** is the obvious, wasted potential for a powerful, poignant film-classic in the material and motifs its setting circumscribes. Here is an opportunity for tough-minded, yet sensitive re-appraisal of America's minor romance with the commitment, conscience and idealism which characterized the late '30s; of the empty, uneasy sense of triumph and trivialization that followed World War II; of the brutish paranoia McCarthyism fostered in the early '50s.

Here is a film which tantalizingly itemizes -- in some instances for the first time on the American screen -- sensitive spots in the American social-psyche: Spanish Civil War, Young Communi eague, Jewish flirtation h communism and assimilation, HUAC, blacklisting, the Hollywood 10, hydrogen bomb.

And yet this same film refuses to come to terms with the way Americans, at least some of them, really were. All the social equations become just so much memorabilia, conversational curios in a period-piece designed to display the improbable Redford-Streisand liaison to best advantage.

Even as a vintage vehicle for two stars, a slightly unconventional love story, this film -- stripped of motivations, emotions, and things that matter — cannot make us care. Redford lends a silly, distracting, almost prurient presence -- a perpetual pose for the centrefold of a pre-school yearbook. Only Barbra works her way into our sympathies, concerns and affections; not as a strident, one-dimensional character on the screen, but as the involving, energetic, compelling and incomparable Streisand. She deserves a much more promising, much more significant romance.

Don't look for it from the American industry. If, for the American public, nostalgia for the way things were is part of a serious pilgrimage into the past, for Hollywood it is strictly a sentimental yearning for the big box-office takes of yesteryear.

Funny, bright and slick show verdict on Don't Drink the Water

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

The production of Woody Allen's play **Don't Drink The Water**, at the Beth Am Synagogue, is great fun. The Beth Am Players and Open Door Productions (a group of York University Fine Arts graduates) have come up with a show that is funny, bright and slick.

The play concerns a Jewish couple, Walter Hollander, a caterer, his wife Marion and their daughter Susan, who go to Europe on a vacation. Walter unwittingly takes some pictures of a missile installation in a Communist country and is immediately accused of spying. Walter and family see, asylum in the American embassy and the real fun begins.

Open Door Productions supply a lot of the technical know-how, such as tight direction from Peter Waldmann and James Knapp; authentic sound-effects and props; and some of the on-stage talent. The group is equally aided by the Beth Am players, the acting company of the congregation.

Marshall Perlmutar is a rolly-polly, blustery Walter, who makes the best of all of Allen's jokes. His performance is easy and hilarious. Corky Rosen as Marion is a perfect foil for him. She is serious, referee-like whenever Walter gets a little excited and humorously stoical. Monica Guss is properly cheerful and kooky as Susan, and Randy Winston is delightful as the up-tight, quivery-voiced, consistently inept Axel Magee.

The production has a definite run until Dec. 1 and 2 (it plays only on weekends), and then an open-end run for as long as there is a demand for tickets. It's worth a long run.

RM Gallery

Children's show excellent in spots

art

By PAULA DAVID

Art for Children, presently at the RM Gallery, was initiated and arranged by Rozsa Mezei. It represents an innovative and unusual direction by a private art gallery, and the interest generated by the collection indicates its popularity.

I am in full agreement with Ms. Mezei when she says "the environment in which a child grows up has far reaching influence during his years of development. It is important for the child to be exposed to art of fine quality to formulate his taste and stimulate his imagination." Although "fine quality" defines a very personal boundary, particularly in the field of children's art, the RM Gallery's collection does not come up to a standard of consistent quality.

A representative show appealing to the younger segment of the population, as well as their purchasing parents, should definitely maintain an overall standard and could still retain the variety the gallery is striving for.

By virtue of the lack of professionalism in several of the pieces, there are some artists whose work is outstanding. These include the stylized beautifully colored poster paintings by Rozsa Mezei, the mixed media masks by Maryon Kantaroff, whimsical, witty collages by Esther Boyd and two wall hangings by Linda Goldman. Boyd's collages employ antique wallpapers and graphic designs, and are mounted in carved frames that accentuate their old-fashioned charm. The collages by Goldman are the result of eastern travels and are extremely bright graphic textile pieces.

It was several of the other works that detracted and distracted from the above artists. Although Ms. Mezei assured me that Linda Cole was no longer with the gallery, it was hard to reconcile the presence of her three extremely sloppily executed hard-edges. Complete with finger-prints and warping stretchers, I found these paintings an insult to the children for whom the collection was assembled. While these were obvious for their negative quality, there were other pictures that still did not come up to par. Animal portraits by Geneen Eyre admittedly were well done, but seemed to be directly related to their paint-by-number counterparts, that most children, if that is their taste, already own. Other pictures, in a variety of styles, had a greeting card quality of "cuteness" that generally belong in stationery stores rather than an art gallery.

In the area of whimsy and make-believe, the watercolors of Anneke Atrill Lykles and the lyrical pen and ink drawings of Doug Martin were of a calibre that could stimulate and encourage the imagination. In the manner of fine book illustrations, these artists captured the quality of make-believe without compromising their standards of technique.

The collection is housed in its own room within the RM Gallery, and unfortunately hung without the young viewer in mind. The pictures are layered on the wall, and generally crowded quite out of comfortable viewing range. Sunday, Dec. 2, from 3 - 7 p.m. the gallery will hold a children's preview of the exhibition, moving into the larger room, and hopefully this problem will be alleviated. The concept is a good one, and the children will likely appreciate it.

I hope that the RM Gallery will continue to develop their collection, refining and upgrading it, so that the overall calibre will remain consistent with the few outstanding pieces.

Professor praises Jewish writers for 'refreshing' English language

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO – Jewish writers have refreshed the English language and have brought back humor, the heart and sentimentality to "a literary tradition that was getting sterile and dry," says a York University English professor.

The Jewish tradition has given the 20th century artists the thing they need most – "an empathy," Elaine Newton told about 110 persons in her first lecture in a six-week series entitled "North American Jewish Experience through Fiction" at Adath Israel Synagogue. "We are the Everyman. We always knew what the wrong side of the track was.

She said the Holocaust was the single most important "psychic conditioning event for everyone" in this century, making Jews "more aware of themselves, comfortably, I think" and "other people found them fascinating."

She said Jewish writers wanted to negate their Jewishness and only after the Holocaust did new images appear.

Ms. Newton, very forthright in her literary judgments caused a stir when she said "Leon Uris only writes potboilers for the market." She said that Philip Roth's **Portnoy's Complaint** is "the neurosis we are all living," adding that "we will never erase Sophie Portnoy from the ethos of the race."

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The world has never been the same since Freud. He taught us to think differently about ourselves, our sexual needs and drives, the significance in simple things we forget or misplace and the words we mispronounce.

Literature, art and drama have been provided with a host of insights with which to probe or delineate the human psyche. Modern child psychology stems from the findings of the Viennese pathfinder. Indeed modern psychiatry itself must be considered the work of his hands and brain. A field of study which had been largely confined to the "insane" -- to those suffering from severe mental ailments that usually required hospitalization -- was now turned to the study of neuroses. Suddenly, psychiatry was no longer largely concerned with extreme cases of emotional illness, but with the multitude of "sane" persons, not completely at peace with themselves or the world.

Although Freud's actual influence has been waning for some years -- and many of his specific teachings no longer accepted or widely followed -- there can be no question as to his importance as pioneering genius. Psychiatry is still permeated with the concepts that he first conceived and developed.

It is no wonder that his upsetting ideas met with widespread hostility from the beginning. His works were among the first to be consigned to public bonfires by the Nazis. Communism was hostile to a method that looked for man's problems in his mind rather than in the economic system. Much of religion was suspicious because Freud seemed to depart from the traditional morality; the Catholic church officially accepted only a part of psychoanalysis.

Recognition was denied Freud for a long time, not only because of the prevailing puritan attitudes or the conservatism of the entrenched medical fraternity, but also because of his religion. Stoically the man who had searched into the realm of the unconscious maintained: "Life is a problem for everybody. Besides you can't expect to be a Jew for nothing."

The literature on Freud and about his work and contribution is immense, enough to fill a large library. Is Irving Stone's biographical novel about Freud necessary? Does it offer anything new or different? After all, the authorized and definitive biography by Ernest Jones is unmatched in its readability and vision. Those interested in a less technical survey can obtain the brilliant abridgement by Lionel Trilling and Steven Marcus. However, those who like their information dramatically and excitingly presented with all the techniques and flourishes that Stone has brought to his many other semi-historical portraits (Van Gough, Michaelangelo, Mary Todd Lincoln, etc.) will find **The Passions of the Mind** a source of pleasure and enlightenment.

Stone spent six years in study and research for the book; no event, idea or personality of any consequence in Freud's life has been omitted. It is all here: the obscure beginnings, the strains and tribulations of his four-year engagement to Martha Bernays, his early experiments and hypnosis, the revealing and creative release that came with his self analysis, the gradual shattering discoveries about the importance of the unconscious and the role of sexuality.

Always a victim of slander and distortion, Freud also suffered the defection of close associates and the rivalry of competing groups. Stone describes the personalities, great and small, who entered Freud's world -- from the members of his household, his friends and associates, to those dissenting giants, Alfred Adler and Carl Jung.

The author, ambitiously attempts to outline the major ideas of the psychologist as they gradually developed. Sometimes the action is slowed and the pages heavy with psychological argot and explanation, but Stone has not stinted in time or energy.

In some quarters **The Passions of the Mind** has been ridiculed and attacked as pretentious, labored and inaccurate. But the book must be accepted for what it is: a popular, fictional biography of the life and achievements of one of the remarkable spirits of the modern age. Whether the book was worth the effort, labor and research expended each reader must determine for himself.

Hermina Petrescu, globe-trotting singing star.

Versatile performer at Toronto concert

Globe-trotting Hermina Petrescu who sings in 15 languages, returns to Toronto next month for a recital at the St. Lawrence Centre Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8:30 p.m.

She will present a program of folksongs, popular songs, operatic arias and sacred music. After a recent performance in Durban, South Afrifa, a critic described her as "the fiery Hermina Petrescu, one of the most fabulously versatile singing personalities we have ever seen. She struts, swaggers, sobs and laughs as if the entire audience, indeed the whole world, is dangling from her fingers and her sensual voices conjure visions of exotic delights in far off places."

Born in Bucharest, Miss Petrescu has been performing since the age of five. In the intervening years she has been through enough to satisfy any biographer including childhood stardom, escape from a concentration camp and many world singing tours.

The Tel Aviv String Quartet is made up (from left) of Chaim Taub, violin; Yafin Boyko, violin; Uzi Wiesel, cello; and Daniel Benyamini, viola. Critic Kardonne called the group one of the best ensembles now anywhere in the world.

Tel Aviv chamber ensemble

Quartet shows reputation earned

music

By RICK KARDONNE

One of the best chamber music ensembles anywhere in the world today is the Tel Aviv Quartet. On Nov. 18, Torontonians were privileged to see them perform at the St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall. Appearing with them was the added attraction of the noted Israel Philharmonic clarinetist Yona Ettlinger.

All four instrumentalists (Chaim Taub and Yafim Boyko on violin, Daniel Benyamini on viola and Uzi Wiesel on cello), having received most of their musical training in Israel, combine superb technique with a true artistic sensitivity that is mature yet freshly alive.

Their unique skills as a unit were best conveyed during the first selection of the concert: a truly thrilling performance of Bela Bartok's **Quartet No. 3**. Never before have I heard Bartok so expertly performed. From the sophisticated lyricism of the moderately slow first movement to the funky excitement of the Allegro, the quartet climaxed with several chromatic string glissandos that resembled dissonantly haunting cries of anguish.

All throughout, the piece was performed as though it was a totally alive organism, always keeping in mind the many different implied nuances that distinguish Bartok as being one of the most absorbingly interesting composers of all time. The capacity audience responded with loud applause.

Following the Bartok, the quartet turned to more traditional fare: a fine executed rendition of Mozart's **First Prussian Quartet in D major**. Particularly memorable was their performance of the familiar minuet, which was played with much gay spirit yet avoiding excessive sentiment. Although all four movements were pretty much played to tempo, there was still plenty of lyrical expression combined with perfect tone.

Compared to the first half, the featured work on the program, Brahms' **Quartet for Clarinet and Strings in B minor**, was anticlimactic. Not that it was the fault of the musicians; in fact, Yona Ettlinger displayed perfectly smooth subtlety and the quartet exhibited a remarkably sensuous backup to Ettlinger's solos. But the piece itself is not the best of Brahms. Its continuous sweet melancholia quickly become tiring.

What's more, the composition did not offer Yona Ettlinger the chance to show off any amount of instrumental virtuosity of which I believe he is capable. His clarinet role merely blended with the sweet limpness rather than providing a strong solo lead. I just wish the Tel Aviv Quartet had selected a more distinctive tour de force as a featured work which would have appropriately climaxed what was an otherwise highly fulfilling evening.

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'Abysmal ignorance of Judaism is the enemy'

By Rabbi Dr. I. Frankel

(First of Two Parts)

TORONTO –

For decades we have been and still are, closing our eyes to certain basic challenges facing Judaism: an increasing tide of alienation, assimilation, intermarriage, and the prodigious plague of missionary inroads among our people. We have to date, lacked the foresight to recognize the prolonged menace which these problems present. They are, in my opinion, as threatening to Jewish spiritual survival as was the threat to physical survival faced by the over three million Jews in Israel during the recent Yom Kippur War.

There can be no doubt for anyone who has eyes to see that the young generation, both in Israel as well as in the Diaspora are both perplexed and seeking. Notwithstanding our patent concern for Jewish survival, our children are asking the most incredible question: "Why Jewish survival?". Distressingly, this is a biting question, requiring us to reassess our priorities. "Since", our youth argue, "we are no more the carriers of Jewishness in our private lives, and since we no longer understand, observe or apply that which was regarded by our forefathers as the basic fundamentals of Judaism, wherein lies our Jewishness? Is it merely an accident of heredity?" Stricken with confusion, they are at a loss to cope with many of the events that have occurred in our time. The reality of a functioning Medinath Yisrael as a national state has most sharply focused attention on the dilemma.

Our youth are further perplexed by a failure endemic to our society: "If Judaism is in fact something relevant, vital, universal, and unique, why do we know so little about it? Why do our rabbis, our teachers, and our spiritual leaders fail to convey to us its message in a manner that is relevant to our modes of thought and feeling?"

These kinds of questions and their manner of presentation betray a sad and tragic situation -- a seeking and serious youth unable to overcome its confusion and ignorance. They seek the wellsprings of the truth of Judaism as promulgated in the vast classics of such masters as Saadya Gaon, Yehuda Halevi and Maimonides. Yet they are denied entry to the waters due to lack of guidance.

In our battle for spiritual survival we must first and foremost recognize the enemy. Our enemy is the abysmal ignorance of Judaism and its relevance to the great issues that concern man. The decimation of our youth by the persistant onslaught of doubt, perplexity and ignorance is a tragedy of immense historic proportions. It is this very ignorance that breeds alienation, leads to assimilation, invites intermarriage, and opens the door to Christian missionaries and devotees of oriental cults.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Frankel

The accusative finger of Jewish destiny directs much of the blame to the doorstep of traditional leadership. We simply don't speak to our youth. We have so much to say, know so well how to say it, but in a suicidal depression lapse into silence.

My experience, however, in meeting youth and the public in general at the Jewish Public Library, convinces me that most people, young and old, are clearly anxious to find their way back to our sources and to unravel the secrets of our traditions and our Jewish heritage.

How can this goal be reached, one may ask? It is clear that the desire, in fact the anxious need, to identify with Jewishness exists among our youth. They are simply lacking the tools -- and we must supply those tools.

Dr. Frankel is executive director of the Jewish Public Library. A symposium in observance of Jewish Book Month will be sponsored by the library at Shaarei Shomayim, Monday, Dec. 10, on 'How to counteract the challenges of today.'

Will bright flame of the Shabbaton continue to flicker for young people?

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

Shabbaton -- the word has a mystical connotation to NCSYers. It brings back memories of another world, of a weekend during which we shared our dreams with over 200 fellow teenagers. Such was the Kingston Shabbaton of Nov. 17.

We solidified old friendships and created new ones. All of us now feel that we share some metaphysical bond with companions in Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Oshawa, Hamilton and London, a bond which we hope to reinforce at some future Shabbaton, perhaps in Brantford or Ottawa, or some other site.

This NCSY weekend program spelled the beginning for scores of teenagers across Canada. This opportunity may never cross their paths again. Many grasped this chance, returning home with more than mere memories. A number of these young people spent the entire night learning Chumash with their advisors. Several, to my knowledge, have taken it upon themselves to keep the Shabbat. Others have begun to put on tefilin daily, while still others began observing kashruth practices.

What is it that affected these people to radically alter their life styles? Certainly, it wasn't the sessions alone that convinced them. After all, many had heard these same words before, in Jewish day and afternoon schools or from their local rabbis.

Perhaps it was the NCSY "ruach" that inspired them. Somehow, when you are dancing in a circle with other people of both similar and diverse backgrounds, singing the words to **Yibane Hamikdash – Let the Temple be Rebuilt**, the ember of the true Jew which lies dormant in all our hearts, is fanned and becomes a flame so powerful, it is not inconceivable it could bring the Messiah himself.

For some, the flame flickered and returned to its former state of an ember after the Shabbaton ended. But for countless others, it burned wildly, resisting any attempt to once again be imprisoned in spiritual solitary confinement.

These teenagers are the fortunate ones. But they are not alone. In over 250 similar NYSY Shabbatons that take place annually across the continent from Vancouver to Miami Beach, hundreds of other young men and women are similarly affected. It is an experience that this article has no hope of adequately capturing.

A new Welfare Fund agency

TORONTO –

The Centre for Creative Living has joined the family of member agencies operating under the umbrella of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

"We came to realize that the size and complexity of programs necessitated a new organizational setup," said Michael Scheinert, director of the UJWF's Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly. "With a membership of over 800 and an active core of 400, the centre had outgrown its previous structure."

Under the new setup, the CFCL which has been incorporated with its own letters of patent, will have available the staff resources of the Welfare Fund, with Scheinert acting as consulting director. As the major centre in the community serving the non-institutionalized elderly in terms of leisure, recreation and education, the centre has been recognized under Ontario's Elderly Persons Act and receives funding from the province and the boroughs.

What began a little over eight years ago as a casual drop-in centre at the North Bathurst Street headquarters of the National Council of Jewish Women, gradually attracted such a large steady core of senior citizens, that the hiring of a full-time program director became necessary. As director for the past four years, Rhea Shulman has seen the trend from pure recreation shift to more creative and educational channels.

"People are retiring at an earlier age. They are better educated and more business-oriented and we must provide far more stimulating and sophisticated programs than we have in the past," Mrs. Shulman noted.

The variety and range of programs for the coming year bear our Mrs. Shulman's statement that the appeal to the intellect is a priority in many planned activities at the centre. Arrangements have been made with the department of continuing education of Seneca College to provide an instructor for a series of 10 lectures on how to "lay out, write, design and distribute" a monthly bulletin.

An experimental program in "living room learning" which began last year, will be expanded to include a continuing mankind series and will deal with such diverse topics as archaelogy, anthropology, social studies, politics and current events.

On the practical issues of daily living, a nutritionist from the Food City supermarket chain will give a two-session course on proper eating habits for the elderly and how to shop on a limited budget.

Other ongoing activities include arts and crafts, drama, a choral group, Yiddish reading, as well as cards. Gloria Strom, president, stressed the CFCL is a drop-in centre for the elderly, first and foremost, and that participation in the programs is not forced on anyone who has no wish to take part.

"We want our members to feel completely at ease when they come to the centre," Mrs. Strom stated. "We have tried to keep it as unstructured as possible, so as not to discourage the non-joiners."

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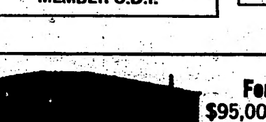

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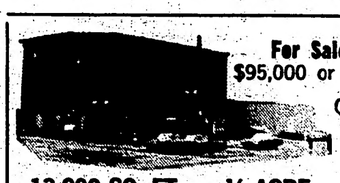

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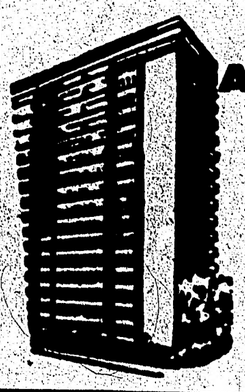

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Comic Myron Cohen makes Yiddish sound like universal tongue

By JENIVA BERGER

Rapport. That's the magic word. The certain something which enables an entertainer to grapple an audience to his heart with hoops of steel.

Few cherish it as much as Myron Cohen, the former New York textile manufacturer whose jokes, he's proud to say, "remind you of someone in the family."

Popular storyteller Myron Cohen, former textile executive.

It's not just a mosaic of people who applaud and savor his humor a couple of times nightly, but friends. "Friends," Cohen emphasizes. "People who don't laugh at me, but laugh with me. It isn't enough to make one segment of an audience laugh, you have to reach them all."

And he does. The Yiddish dialect, his specialty, begins to sound like a universal language. It transcends any eliteness, because Cohen's characters aren't elite, they're simply human. You've heard some of his jokes before? So much the better. Visit a while with old friends and meet a few new ones in Myron's repertoire. If you return to catch a later act, let him know, he'll make sure he doesn't repeat himself. He's not called America's greatest story teller for nothing.

"Everything I say out on that stage is the truth" says the slight, unpretentious comedian who tributes Ed Sullivan with bringing him into millions of homes and has played every major nightclub in the U.S., Europe and Canada.

So when he begins his act with "I have so much to be grateful for in your friendship because I used to do this for nothing," you know he's not kidding.

At the age of 42, Myron Cohen never dreamed he'd be leaving the textile world. But he liked telling jokes, a gift he cultivated during his years as a salesman. It broke the ice with buyers, though he admits with a smile. "I usually forgot what I was there for and they'd wind up selling me a book of raffle tickets!"

After storytelling for fun and no profit a few years at the Sunday Night Celebrity Nights given at New York's Eddie and Leon's, he took a nine-day sabbatical from his business to pinch hit for an absentee comedian at Florida's Terrace Club. After that, he kissed the garment industry goodbye and started out in his new career like "the president of a bank.

"I was always well paid," he says, "and it scares me sometimes that I was always lucky enough to earn a lot."

He's grateful to this day, this Russian-born son of a lady's tailor. Life has been good to him. He lives in a comfortable house about 30 miles out of New York with his wife Miriam (no children, "My mother-in-law was strictly.") and spends free time relaxing and reading. At this stage of the game Cohen doesn't push it. He works just enough, returning to favorite spots like Las Vegas where he's been playing, either the Flamingo or Hilton, for 25 years.

He's watched that neon gambler's paradise sprout hotels, revelled in Toronto's boomtown success, and took his first trip to Israel last May when he entertained aboard the QE2 during its "adventuresome" cruise. Cunard's luxury liner was given an escort because of bomb threats, but, Cohen sighs, "it was the press that ruined the trip."

Despite the problem journey, Cohen fell in love with Israel. "It's a cliche by now," he says, "but the country has made every Jew stand a few inches taller."

Myron Cohen has made the art of story telling stand a few inches taller, too. He loves what he's doing, you see; he loves life and he loves people. It shows.

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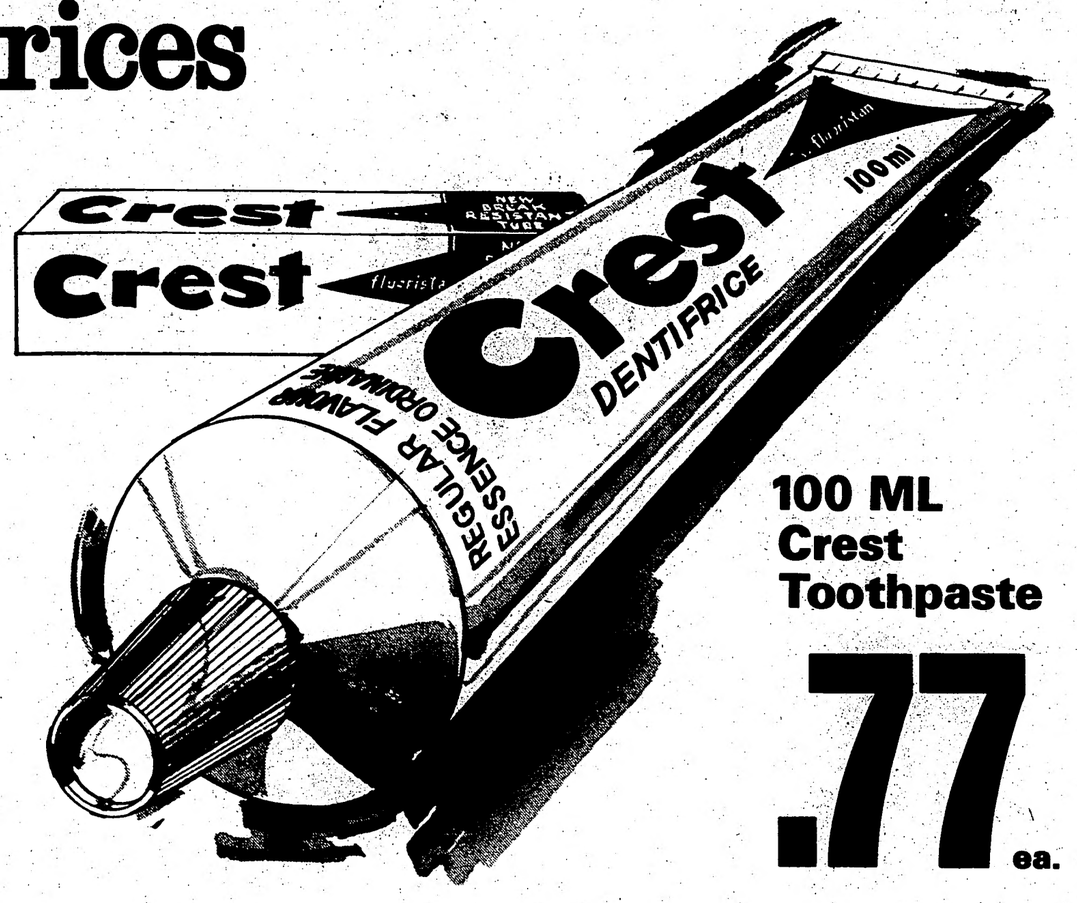

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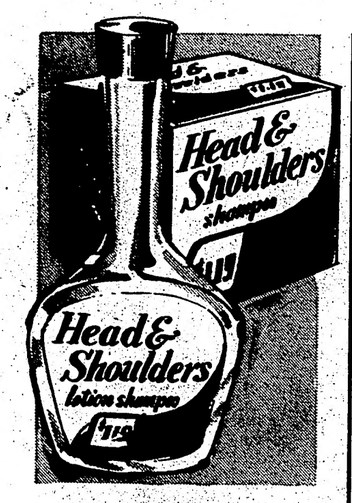

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